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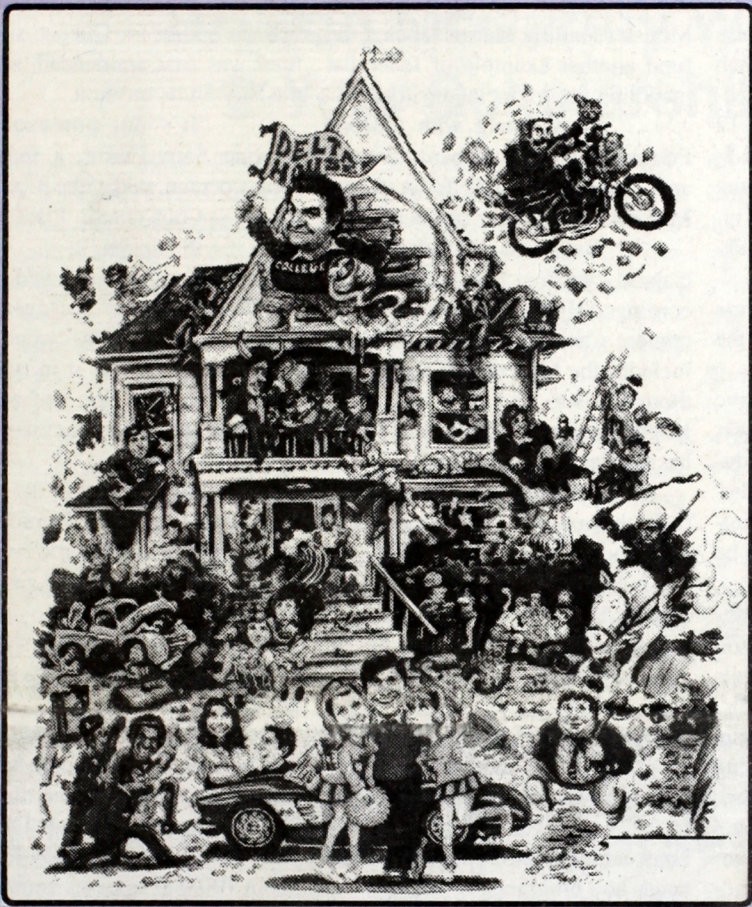
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Dalhousie students launch media campaign

by Andrew Simpson
Dalhousie Gazette

HALIFAX (CUP) — Although they may not know it, Dalhousie University students are funding refrigerator breaks across Nova Scotia.

The Dalhousie student union has launched a media campaign — that could cost up to \$40,000 — which they say will promote education issues in the final weeks of the provincial election campaign.

The union began airing ads Mar. 10 on two Halifax television stations. The campaign will expand into radio and possibly print advertising before the March 24 election date, Student union president Chris Adams says.

Although the parties are certainly making a pitch for the student vote to both the Liberals and the NDP have promised a tuition freeze if they win — there are concerns that education concerns are not being adequately addressed in the campaign.

Adams says he was disappointed that post-secondary education was not discussed during the March 5 leadership debate, adding that he hopes the ads will help make education more prominent on the election agenda.

"None of the three [political] parties have put enough focus on education issues — this is a chance for us to jump at that," Adams said. "We thought it was a feasible idea that would have an impact and we ran with it."

The ad campaign relates the difficulties post-secondary students are facing today, including high debt and funding cuts to education, and then talks about how this affects all Nova Scotians, pointing to the fact that 45 per cent of jobs created by the year 2000 will require a university education.

Simone Saint-Pierre, communications co-ordinator for the Canadian Federation of Students, says media campaigns can be an effective

means of gaining public support in an election.

"It is important to protect student rights and we can't do that alone," she said. "We have to have the general public know the student issues before we can really make a difference. Advertising is one of the tactics we use."

The federation has used radio messages as recently as the last federal election to raise student concerns with voters.

Ryan Marshall, external affairs co-ordinator for the students' society at the University of British Columbia, says ad campaigns are a pricey yet effective way to get student concerns across to the general electorate.

The UBC student union spent \$18,000 on an education campaign during the last federal election which included radio and print ads.

"It's expensive and it's something you only do every four years, but it was definitely money well spent," Marshall said.

Dalhousie students are responding positively to the ad campaign.

"I liked [the television ad]," Tanya Baird said. "I think this is the only country where we're pretty lax in our rights as students. We take a back seat to everything and it's about time we didn't."

"I thought it was a really good commercial," agreed Deborah Shortall. "Of course it's our money that they're spending, but if it helps somebody else in the future, by decreasing tuition so that people can afford to go to school, then I don't really see it as a problem."

Adams says the Dalhousie student union tried to involve other schools in the ad campaign, but because the election was called earlier than expected, there wasn't much of a chance for co-ordination between Nova Scotia's student unions.

by Idella Sturino
Quebec Bureau

Bloc Québécois demands opt-out clause from Millennium Fund

OTTAWA (CUP) — In a not-so-surprising turn of events last week, the Bloc Québécois called on Parliament to denounce the Millennium Scholarship Fund and other federal initiatives in education.

Pointing out that education is exclusively a provincial jurisdiction, Bloc member of Parliament Stéphan Tremblay introduced a motion for the House of Commons to "censure any action by the federal government in the area of education," such as the Millennium Fund or national testing.

"We must decry the disease affecting the federal Liberals, which I would call chronic dominating federalism," he said in the March 12 debate period. He added that the \$2.5-billion scholarship fund is nothing more than a federalist strategy to increase Ottawa's visibility at the expense of Quebec students.

The motion came to a vote March 17 but was defeated. Only the Bloc caucus voted in favour of it.

Progressive Conservative member of Parliament Charlie Power said while his party agreed that education fell under provincial jurisdiction, that didn't rule out federal initiatives in the area, and so would be voting against the motion.

"We do not think any government or any political party should deny access to funding for students simply because of jurisdictional disputes," he said in last week's debate.

But the Bloc is not turning its back on federal funds for Quebec students — it wants out of the national scholarship program, but with compensation. And while the Bloc's motion was soundly defeated, the issue is not a dead one, says Bloc MP Paul Crete.

"We'll continue to promote our position because we believe all Quebec education [stakeholders] want the money to be transferred to the province through transfer payments, not this visibility-enhancing fund," he said.

Crete says his party believes

Quebec's education system is the strongest in Canada and has been since it opted out of the Canada Student Loans program in 1964. He points to Quebec's below-average student debt levels and tuition rates as proof.

"We've developed a good system and we want to protect it," he said.

The arguments raised by the Bloc in this latest round of parliamentary debate over provincial jurisdiction echo criticisms raised by Quebec officials over the fund.

When it was first announced last November, Quebec Education Minister Pauline Marois labeled the fund another example of federalist meddling in provincial territory.

Now, along with Quebec Premier Lucien Bouchard, unions, and Quebec student federations, Marois is calling for an opt-out clause.

But it's a call federal officials say will not be answered. According to Human Resources Development Canada — whose mandate includes the Millennium Fund even though it is to be run by arm's-length, private foundation — Quebec has no way out of the fund.

According to ministry officials, the government is not required to provide an opt-out clause because the fund is not part of the Canada Student Loans program. Rather, it is a temporary fund which will dry up after 10 years.

And in the federal budget, it was stipulated that the scholarship program's funds should be administered in a way that avoids duplication in the provinces and builds up and complements existing provincial needs and programs.

But this isn't good enough for critics of the fund.

"I'm sure they created the fund this way because this is the way they can pass over the law," Christiane Miville-Deschenes, a spokesperson for Marois, said.

Crete agrees.

"You think a 10-year program is a temporary fund? I'm not

sure it is. It will have a general and permanent effect on the education system in Quebec and other parts of Canada," he said.

Given the defeat of the Bloc's motion in the House, Crete says the next step is to take their concerns directly to the Prime Minister. Like Pauline Marois, Crete hopes to achieve an opt-out clause through negotiations with the man who dreamed up the fund in the first place.

And it looks like Crete and Marois will have the support of many students on their side.

The Canadian Federation of Students, which has advocated an opt-out option for Quebec since the fund was first announced, supports the Bloc in its mission.

"It's not unreasonable," Simone Saint-Pierre, a federation spokesperson, said of the Bloc's push for an opt-out clause. "But I don't think it will happen."

Similarly, the Fédération des étudiantes collégiales et universitaires du Québec opposes the fund because it says it infringes on Quebec's jurisdiction and adds another layer of bureaucracy to its loans and grants system.

Like Tremblay, the organization suggests the Millennium Fund won't really help students in Quebec but is simply a political gesture. It wants to see Quebec given the province's share of the scholarship fund to administer itself towards decreasing student indebtedness.

Details of the fund, which was unveiled in last month's federal budget, have not yet been disclosed. The government has stated the fund will provide grants of up to \$3,000 to about 100,000 students annually beginning in the year 2000.

The private, arms-length foundation established to manage the fund was to have been headed up by Chrysler Canada CEO Yves Landry, but he died suddenly March 16. The Prime Minister's Office says it observing a period of mourning for Landry and has not begun looking for a replacement yet.

Declaration of International Nudity Day

by Star Kenude
Contributor

In an attempt to conform to international wishes, the Canadian government has accepted to declare March 30th 'International Nudity Day'. On this single day, across the world, including Canada, it will be legal to go out in public not wearing any clothes at all. This decision came after a heated, week-long debate behind closed doors with members of the International Affairs cabinet, the Prime Minister and emissaries from various countries, including France, Italy and Sweden. This controversial holiday, inspired in part by Ontario's recent decision to allow female toplessness, has in mind 'the temporary liberation from traditional social values', according to International Nudity Day lobbyist, Buck Naked. "It's the one day of the year that we can be

truly naked, and truly free. It all makes me glad to be alive." Local groups have backed the new holiday right from its conception. Marsha Vilshon, president of the local chapter of the Women's Rights Movement, agreed that it was indeed 'a glorious idea'. She went on to comment that "it's about time those stuffed shirts in world government have given their heads a shake and have woken up to reality. It's not the thirties anymore, and society is in a state of rising self-awareness. The recent ruling that women are allowed to go topless was just the tip of the iceberg." Her male counterpart, Ted Drabinsky, head of the Men's Rights Movement, agreed with the whole idea as well: "The declaration of this day is a fantastically giant step in the right direction. Modern society is

unnecessarily conservative about nudity. The exposure of human genitalia should have been allowed years ago. It is because we hide it that filth rags like Playpen thrive. We must come to realize that genitalia is but the tool, and not the source, of hormonal impulses. The only reason that we have been made to feel otherwise is through social influence, and once we can sensitize society to this fact, we may truly start to become truly enlightened". Supporters of the holiday expect that it will take several years for it to get completely in full swing, but that shouldn't stop believers from stripping on this new, ground-breaking day, says Drabinsky. "Strip on the way to buy groceries, strip in the movie theatre, strip at school...just strip! And remember: March 30th, it's your right!"

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Paul Ross To Return?

by Nota Chantz
Contributor

There has been much controversy in the past few months as to the pay for former L.U. President Dr. Paul Ross. Dr. Ross left Laurentian at the beginning of this semester to take his position as president at Windsor University, but is still receiving a pay cheque until the end of this school year. There has been an outcry in the Laurentian community for justice, and Dr. Ross has finally come forward to try to ease the tensions at his former school.

In a call to Lambda Publications, Dr. Paul Ross has decided to try to put the money he has received over the last three months back into

the school. Not wanting to centre out one organization or group over the other Ross has decided to have a free all-night party at his old home near the Sudbury Downtown.

"Why not?" Ross told Lambda. "The house is empty and is the perfect place for a 'kegger! I have made so much between the two universities that I can afford to give back to my old students. L.U. owns the house, but it's not like they are going to know about it or stop me. As long as it gets to the students about the party, that is perfect. This is off the record though, right?"

According to Beer Store officials there has already been a major keg order for the night of the party

and they are stocking up for the bash. Dr. Ross claims that he will provide the alcohol, munchies and music. He just hopes that the Laurentian community can forgive him enough to come to his final party with L.U. students.

The whole night is full of events and surprises. Sudbury and L.U.'s own Greenshoe will be playing and other events leaked to us include an indoor hockey tournament, a wet prof. contest, and pin the tail on the SGA Executive.

"I thought I'd get away with it!" exclaimed Ross. "But I figure that a bunch of beer will settle any students mind from taking legal action. Don't print that part!"

Bryson McCarthy Wins 2-Year Scholarship

Lambda's own Bryson McCarthy, at a dinner held last week, was awarded the highest writing scholarship in Northern Ontario. The Northern Ontario Writing & Academic Youth Scholarship is awarded every year to one college or university level student who shows an aptitude in both studies and in writing on a semi-professional level.

"We are very proud of Bryson McCarthy" exclaimed J. Stikidding, founder and president of the N.O.W.A.Y. Scholarship Fund. "His academic standing is astounding and his writing shows an extremely high level of intelligence and maturity. He seems to know what is going on in the world around him and he isn't afraid to speak up. So many writers can take a lesson from this young man."

Members of Lambda Publications, Laurentian University and the Sudbury community were on hand to see Bryson accept the two-year scholarship that will aid in his school and writing. When asked how he felt about receiving such a high honor, Bryson responded,

"Am I surprised? Hell no! I sent in my application knowing full well that I was going to win the damn thing. Who else are they going to give it too? I am the reason people pick up Lambda and I am the only reason the paper is still in circulation. Writers will come and go, but no one is going to forget me! I #\$\$%^ing rule this paper and don't any of you forget it!"

In true Bryson McCarthy form, as not to reveal his true identity,

he donned a Phantom of the Opera mask the entire night. Many in attendance found it strange, but those who were there to see their favorite writer receive the honour thought it was great.

"I love the guy," Mat Thompson, Entertainment Editor told reporters. "He's a great friend and I wouldn't have expected him to do it any other way!"

The dinner and party were held on Saturday, March 20 at the Cambrian Foundation. According to police reports the party had to be shut down at 3am. Although no arrests were made, a few Lambda writers were taken to cool off for the night and Bryson disappeared like a thief in the night.

Life Competency Courses Offered

by Trip Happy
Contributor

Are you one of those people who always seems to be tripping over their own shoelaces? Or do you have a tendency of embarrassing yourself by spending a few minutes trying to force open a door that clearly says 'Exit Only...Do Not Enter' on it? Have you ever answered the question 'Sex?' on an application form with 'Yes, please'? Are you often accused of being arrogant? Do you often find yourself insulting someone who turns out to be sitting right behind you? If you answered 'Yes' or even 'Huh?' to any of these questions, then the new Life Competency program might be for you. Sponsored by the We're Not Idiots, We're Just Misunderstood association, Laurentian University is pleased to offer, in the fall of 1998, the new Life Competency program. This program is designed to give people life skills which haven't been taught in schools, or in most cases, by their parents either. "There are just some things parents rarely teach their children, mainly due to the fact that they're Life-Competence Challenged as well. It's a problem which ravages today's society, and nobody seems to be willing to change that, until now"

says the new Dean of Life Competency, Gomer Macrahmay. Students interested in pursuing a degree in Life Competency will be able to attend such classes as Reading Blatantly And Extremely Obvious Signs And Not Just Assuming They're Not Important: A Valuable Skill, Paying Attention To Your Surroundings, Avoiding The Over-Use of Annoying Terms Such As 'Okay, whatever', Realizing and Coming To Terms With The Fact That You're Not Superior to the People Around You, and Understanding That The Cashier Has No Need To Rip You Off For a Nickel So Don't Count Your 15 Cents Change In Front Of

Him/Her You Stupid Moron. Specializations are even being planned to be made available, in such fields as Advanced Sign Recognition (prerequisite: Obvious Signs Are Obvious For A Reason), Tact In Modern Society (prerequisite: Death Jokes Are Not Funny At a Funeral) and Ability & Capacity Awareness (prerequisite: No, You Can't Carry Four Boxes of Empties Into the Beer Store In One Trip Without Breaking A Couple Dozen or So Of the Bottles, So Don't Try It). Response to the proposed program has been overwhelming, so expect to see these classes, among many others, in this year's LU course book.

New Sleeping Hours Offered in LU Library

Due to the recent amount of students falling asleep in the Laurentian Library, administrators have made a move towards helping the student body. "With students being occupied with essays, reports, tests and upcoming exams, many people are going with much less sleep than they should. A casual walk through the second floor of the library will prove that to anyone. Consequently, they are forced to miss class time to compensate for their sleep-deprivation. As of March 32th, every day between 1:00 and 3:00 p.m., the library will be dedicated to those in need of sleep. A completely sound and disturbance-free environment will be provided. Any and all library-research, as well as photocopies, will temporarily be suspended in that time period, every day.

NEWS BRIEFS

by Sarah Viau
Asst News Editor

Ovide Mercredi to speak on Spirituality

Chief Ovide Mercredi, former National Chief of the Assembly of First Nations, and Special Adjunct Professor at the University of Sudbury's Department of Native Studies, will be presenting his fourth public lecture on Wednesday, April 1. The lecture is entitled "The Four Directions of Spiritual Meaning: Indigenous Beliefs About Life and Sacredness."

Students call for National Debate over MAI

Students are joining the Council of Canadians and 40 other national organizations to demand that Trade Minister, Sergio Marchi, publicly debate the Multilateral Agreement on Investment (MAI) before attending the upcoming meeting of trade ministers of the OECD on April 27.

The Canadian Federation has also been voicing its grave concerns about the MAI and its impact on post-secondary education, the environment, employment, health care, culture and social services. "Corporations are increasingly being allowed to advertise on everything from computer screen savers to the title of a particular course. The MAI will give foreign-based corporations completely unfettered access to students and their educational environment," said Jennifer Story, National Deputy Chairperson of the Canadian Federation of Students. "Whether or not Marchi agrees to the debate," Story continued, "students will continue to speak out against an agreement that weakens the power of our elected governments while strengthening the power of investors to dismantle public institutions."

COMMUNIQUE

Le chef Ovide Mercredi présentera une conférence sur la spiritualité autochtone

Le chef Ovide Mercredi, ancien chef national de l'Assemblée des Premières Nations et professeur associé spécial au Département d'études amérindiennes de l'Université de Sudbury, donnera sa quatrième conférence publique le mercredi 1er avril. Son allocution, la dernière d'une série, sera présentée en anglais et s'intitulera <<The Four Directions of Spiritual Meaning: Indigenous Beliefs About Life and Sacredness>>.

Entre en fonction le 20 janvier dernier, le chef Mercredi vient sur le campus quelques jours par mois pour y enseigner des cours. Né à Grand Rapids, Manitoba, en 1946, Ovide Mercredi a reçu un diplôme de droit de la University of Manitoba en 1977 et a été inscrit au barreau de cette province en 1979.

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Annual General Meeting

Friday April 3, 1998

1:30 p.m., Room L-239

This is the reader's opportunity to address the editorial staff of the newspaper.

This is your newspaper.

As a SGA/AGE member, you are automatically a *Lambda Publications Society* member also!

So come out and tell us what you think!!!

At the meeting, the new *Lambda* Constitution and Policy Manual will be presented, and next year's staff will be introduced.



Now that you've graduated, you're probably going to need a lift to all those interviews.

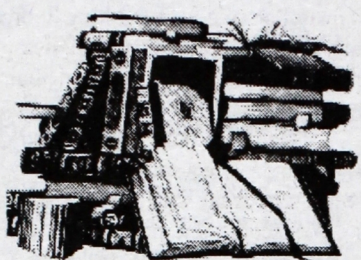
For more information on Chrysler's Grad Program and vehicle line-up, look inside.

The Amiable Librarian

This column is based on questions or suggestions received by staff members of the Desmarais Library, either personally or on the "Compliments/Questions/Suggestions" form that may be filled out near the exit of the library.

AV Equipment

Question: This is the Information Age. No longer are we confined to information on paper. We have many computers to get info. On and off the Internet yet only one tv/VCR to use videos in our studies. Surely the university must realize the benefits derived from the combination of sight and sound. So why only one tv/VCR in our library?—Aaron Vehkala.
Ditto: Kristin Jakola.



Dear Aaron and Kristin: Normally, the tv/VCR is not busy enough to warrant the purchase

of a duplicate. Library statistics reveal that it is usually used 0-3 times daily—and rarely in the evenings. The day you needed it was an exception. In anticipation of such needs, the library will be checking with the Instructional Media Center to determine whether a duplicate tv/VCR could be loaned during what appears to be the busiest months—October and November, February and March.

Library Workshops

Question: I was supposed to do the library workshops and the exercise as part of my WAC class. Unfortunately, I just found out about this requirement and your classes are over. Can you offer make-up sections?—Frustrated.

Dear Frustrated: No, unfortunately the library is not now able to offer make-up classes. The schedule of workshops was published last fall—and then again in December, and it is unfortunate that not everyone picked up the schedule in time. Since library workshops are a requirement of your WAC class, you would be best advised to discuss the matter with your professor.

Dear Lambda,

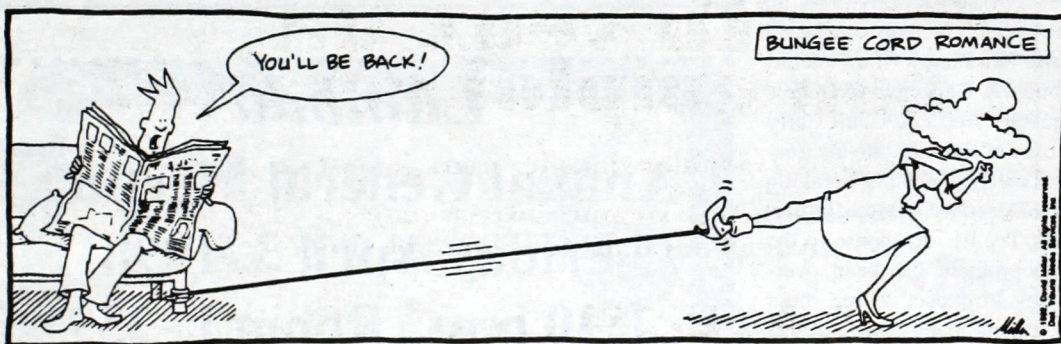
As two members of next year's SGA executive, we felt that we should respond to a letter to the editor in last week's issue of Lambda. A student expressed concern over controversy surrounding the ratification of Jamie Wylie as next year's SGA president. In short, he was outraged that SGA board members felt that the could even ponder ignoring the democratic voice of students. We believe that he was wholeheartedly correct in feeling the way that he did. That said, we feel that two points need to be made with regards to this issue.

First, having spoken to almost every board member, we are pleased to say that the vast majority of representatives wanted no part of not ratifying Jamie. Almost every board member felt that not only would Jamie be a good president, but as well, that they had absolutely no right to defy to voice of the majority of Laurentian students and not ratify the peoples choice for president. Unfortunately, the loud voice of a couple of disgruntled members created the unfair picture that there was serious board reservations about the winning candidate. This was clearly not the case.

Secondly, as acclaimed candidates for the positions of Vice President Student Issues and Vice President Services, we firmly believed (as we do now) that the SGA is useless as an organization if it is not accountable and democratic. It is in the spirit of this that we decided that if the students' choice for president was not ratified, that we would resign. While we are very happy that it did not come to this, we are still committed to our vision of the SGA as a body whose direction is determined by Laurentian students.

We look forward to serving students this year. We also thank the interested student for his thoughts last week. It is only with a student body that is vocal that we will be able to effectively fulfill our mandate over the next year.

Thank you,
Todd Bosak, Vice President Student Issues - Elect
Amy Bateman, Vice President Services - Elect



Dear Lambda,

Danika was only 18 months old when it was determined she had a rare type brain tumour. It was removed at the Sick Kid's Hospital in Nov. '97. Since her surgery she has had very strong chemotherapy as well as MRIs once a month and a milder type of chemo treatment each week. Now, at 22 months old, she has become anemic, lost weight, lost all of her hair, and is being treated with morphine to help control her pain.

Danika's treatments have usually meant a stay-over in Toronto for at least two nights each time; a babysitter is required for Danika's 6 month old sister. These extra expenses as well as meals and the cost of gas to and from Iroquois Falls have taken a toll on her parent's financial situation.

Danika's last MRI showed the tumour has returned. A team of doctors are meeting to decide what their next approach will be. There is a great possibility they will have to operate again, but they are not sure she is strong enough to survive another operation.

Her mother, Laurie-Anne (Poitras) Monette is a Sudbury native and a graduate of Laurentian University ('92) with a BAED and a BED. She belonged to the AEF. She worked part time in the Dean of Social Sciences office in 1991 and 1992, replacing LUSU employees. She is the niece of a long-term Laurentian University employee and LUSU member, Joyce Poulin. Her father is Daniel Monette who is currently registered in Laurentian University's MSC grad program (physics) and belongs to the L.U. Grad Student Assn.

This request for your support / assistance was sent to you in particular, for a reason. Some of you know either Laurie-Anne or Daniel personally, to others they are "their students" (in their school, division, Association, course, etc.), or, just because they are both Laurentian University students. Whatever the reason, let's get together and discuss what we can do for this family. Let's canvass University-wide and establish a 'Danika's fund' to help this young couple and their two children.

Please help baby Danika. Forward cheques, payable to Danika's Trust Fund, to Helena Sheperd, at the Library Administration Office, in the J.N. Demarais Library.

Thanks,
Helena Sheperd
Co-ordinator, Danika's Fund

Dear Dr. Geoffrey Tesson,

I am writing concerning the vacant position in the History Department.

With the retirement of Dr. C.M. Wallace and the sabbatical Dr. R.M. Bray, there will be little choice in the selection of history courses for students. This is unacceptable. Students need a variety of courses to broaden their studies. Considering that these two excellent professors will be unavailable to teach, courses in Canadian History will suffer. There will not be enough faculty to make up for the absences of these two professors. We will be losing a great chunk of our department: Northern Ontario, Social and Urban History, and nineteenth century Canadian History. Not only will this place strain onto remaining professors it will affect professor-student relations. As you know, professor-student relations are very important at Laurentian. Cutting out some courses, and adding the course load onto the backs of those professors already in the department, is not an option. A replacement for Dr. Wallace is needed, not more cutbacks to the department.

Canadian History is important to Laurentian University and to its students. As a northern university it is imperative that Laurentian maintains its focus on the North and on Canada. As a history student I am quite shocked that the Administration at Laurentian would ignore this fact.

Sincerely,
Liisa C. Logan

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Get in the Ring

by Bryson McCarthy
Columnist

Damn it's great to finally be back in my rightful place. *Dear Bryson* was fun, but what the hell was that crap Dharma was dishing out in the ring last week? I had to scrub the ring and disinfect it for days before I could finally climb back in and lay down some challenges. I'll give Dharma a little credit, she got right to the point and made a few people sit up and listen. I'm not giving the ring to her, but she didn't do that bad for an advice spewing little...well you know the rest!

If anyone happened to read my 'hypothetical' letter last week, I have some news to report. Nothing came of the situation because certain people were sitting on their thumbs and sleeping during the ratification process. What can I say to these guys who missed their only chance to make public asses out of themselves (this week)? Well, to put it short and sweet (and with not too many syllables), D'UH!

Anybody want to hear my newest problem? If you say no then why the #\$\$%& are you reading this section? Okay, last Saturday night I had to take my girlfriend to the hospital. She was having some pretty bad abdominal pains and needed to see a doctor. So I, the loving male that I am, took her to the emergency room at midnight. I understand that this is an emergency room, but for someone in severe pain to have to sit for over an hour to see a doctor is ridiculous. There were a few emer-

gencies that came in, including a few victims of bouncer attacks, but for my girlfriend to have to wait until 7am for a few minor test results was beyond acceptable. It was downright #\$\$%&ed!

I sat in that damn waiting room for 7 hours and all that came of it was a small prescription and a pat on the back for her. I have never seen such incompetence in my life. She was sent back to the waiting room at 3:30 am to wait for the test results and they finally came at 7am. Thank God I made a few friends in the waiting area or I would have had to have gone postal on the doctors and nurses that were walking around. Hell, one guy in a bar fight was sent home because he would have to wait all night to see a doctor, and another sat around for at least 5 hours to have his eye looked at after being sucker-punched. I hate hospitals and I can't believe we were there that long for a quick little problem. I can't wait until they close down the two older hospitals and open the monster hospital. The wait will be so much worse. Canada used to have a great health care system, but the current state of the hospitals is primitive.

What is my challenge this week? Well, basically for everyone out there to try for their medical certificate in the next 5 years since looking in the mirror is going to be the only way that you are going to get to see a doctor! And oh yeah, best of luck to Johnny, Frankie, Paul and the guys. You guys made the waiting room fun for once! *Wanna go for a smoke?*

UN Deters Canadian Patriotism

by Dylan Callens
Columnist

Today, Boutros Boutros Gali announced that Canada is no longer a part of the United Nations. In fact, all Canadian foreign affairs will involve the outright assault of participating parties, therefore all exports and imports from and into Canada must cease. Prime Minister Chrétien commented, "this is an outrage...comparable to the SGA at Laurentian University."

Immediately following the UN's decision, the Canadian dollar rose to \$4.25 US, on the basis that national unity was at an all-time high, all forces banning together to form a mighty army that will conquer the Antarctic. A Parliamentary meeting held in London denounced the immaculate gains of the Canadian dollar by no longer acknowledging the Canadian dollar as a form of currency. "We would rather accept nuclear waste than the Canadian dollar

as money. At least we can sell nuclear waste to Iraq, unlike the Canadian dollar which is nothing more than cigar wrap, Canadian cigar wrap that Cubans refuse to put on their quality cigars."

Gali responded to England's propaganda with a smily face saying, "Ha! Those crazy Canucks have been far to peaceful, and perhaps we will finally get a little rise from those bear-wrestling bastards," to which the Canadian Defense Minister replied, "Only real men and women wrestle bears and I'd put my money on our citizens to beat any nation at the World Bear Wrestling Competition."

Naturally, these words spread back to London, where both Parliament and the Royal Family laughed, knowing that the Canadian dollar had been inactive for over an hour, calling the Canadian Defense Minister, "an impractical..."

Chrétien, irritated by all of this crazy talk, slapped an impartial pedestrian and ran into the lake, yell-

ing, "Freedom, sweet freedom, I will find you among the fish." Onlookers thanked God, and let the senile man go. Pierre Trudeau has been appointed Prime Minister until the year 2100. Runners-up were Rita McNeal, Archie Bunker and ex-Blue Jay, Mookie Wilson.

Gali believes that Canada will come to their senses some time in the near future, blaming Parliament, not the Canadian citizens. His final comment, "Only when Wilson is Prime Minister will we talk again with Canada, end of story."

PS - The above was fictional. I feel that I should put a disclaimer here because I wish to avoid persecution. It's a joke, take it with a light heart. We all know that Chrétien is alive and well, not believing that salvation is found with fish. Gali isn't even president of the UN anymore. As for that crazy Mookie Wilson, well, who knows what he is up to? *Next Week: Jasper's Nightmare with Cocoa*

Sudbury to Host 'Air Canada Cup'

(from the S.M.H.A.)

"The Northern Ontario Hockey Association has been awarded the Air Canada Cup Tournament '98. The host association will be the Sudbury Minor Hockey Association with all games being played at the Sudbury Arena.

This is a prestigious national midget hockey championship and it will feature the top midget aged players from the East Coast to the Pacific Coast. Of course, the Sudbury Cara Capitals midget hockey club receives

automatic entry into the tournament as host team."

The Air Canada Cup championships will begin at noon on Tuesday April 21 1998 and conclude with the Gold Medal game Sunday April 26 at 8:00 p.m.

The opening ceremonies will be conducted on the 21st at 7:00 p.m. and will be followed by the Cara Capitals first game of the tournament, as they square-off against the Western team - yet to be announced.

The Air Canada Cup tournament features some of the best young

midget players, sixteen and seventeen years of age, from across the country.

The Air Canada Cup has run annually since 1979. The Sudbury Minor Hockey Association has expressed its "pride" in being selected to host this "tournament of champions" in its milestone twentieth anniversary.

As in the past, the Gold Medal game will be covered by TSN and Le Réseau des Sports (RDS).

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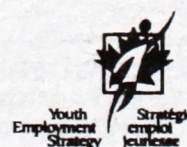


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Police to Crack Down on Beer Store Goers

by Imma Lian
Contributor

If you see the police sitting in the Beer Store parking lot in weeks to come, don't worry, they're not buying beer on-duty. Rather, they're looking to implement simple, obvious laws which seem to have been forgotten in past months. Constable Richard MacFlemm told us that "We've noticed that an alarming amount of Beer Store customers have

been setting themselves, and other people, up for accidents. Far more people than is acceptable have been driving in the Exit to the Beer Store grounds. There is no reason for that other than simple laziness. The Exit is clearly marked with a large, lit 'Out' sign. Ignoring this sign can be a dangerous thing, and can lead to accidents, which could easily have been avoided". Employees of the

Beer Store agree with the Constable. "It just makes you think that people these days don't know how to read or something. I mean, it's not like the sign is small or anything", said Hance Vamilton of the Notre-Dame Beer Store. Extremely stiff fines, and even possible prison terms for repeat offenders are what people can expect if they persist in ignoring this problem.

by Al Coholic
Contributor

What with Labatt's having received a good response from the beer-drinking public about their most recently released new products, its principal rival, Molson, has decided to release a new kind of beer. Named 'Molson Peabody' after its principal creator, or, as it's known affectionately among the testers, 'Molson Pea',

this new beer will be released some time in May. The beer has tested higher than any of their previous products, and is expected to do extremely well. There have been thoughts among Molson members of soon creating a mixer pack with Molson Pea and Export, which is being tentatively called "Ex and Pea".

Enter Stage Left

Marx Goes Long to Engels, Touchdown!!!

by Todd Bosak
Columnist

If Marx and Engels were alive today, they would probably describe sports as an "opiate for the masses." A diversion created by the rich to keep working peoples' minds off their sad lot in life. While this theory probably has a grain of truth to it, I can't help but getting excited about a recent sporting development coming out of Orlando this week.

For many years, average working class sports fans have identified with the Cleveland Browns of the National Football League. For dozens of Sundays, 80,000 blue collar folks would gather at a stadium that must have been dreamt up by an architect who had to be on the 1920's version of crack, to cheer on the Browns. Week after week, they would feel their identity as hard-working steel workers was on the line, against teams from much more urbane places such as New York and Chicago. For many years, heroes such as Jim Brown and Bernie Kosar gave them a lot to cheer about.

A couple of years ago, the 1990's corporate mentality found its way into pro football. Despite sell-out crowds and a rich history, owner Art Modell (the Mike Harris of pro football) moved the team to Baltimore. Yet another example of the principle 'a profit is not enough, more, more, more' that has engulfed the business community as of late. The city was devastated. Fans everywhere were left to wonder whether or not their team was safe. As well, the NFL decreed that by 1999 the

city of Cleveland would have a new team.

As a reaction to this announcement by the league, Cleveland fans banded together to form a lobby group so that the NFL would be kept to its word. Further, the fans demanded that they get an expansion team, rather than have another team move to Cleveland. This is significant. Realizing the pain that they felt in seeing their team leave them, Cleveland fans wanted no part of stealing a team from other fans. This fan organization turned into a lobbying force *par excellence*.

Finally, this week the league announced at its spring meetings in Orlando that the city of Cleveland would indeed have a team for the 1999 season, and yes, it would be an expansion team. Finally the little person gets listened to.

So why did I choose to write about this in my weekly left wing diatribe? There are a few reasons actually. First, I'm a fan. I have been making my yearly trek to Cleveland Municipal Stadium for years to see my beloved Browns, and I'm pretty pleased to be on the verge of doing it again. More importantly though, this whole event speaks to corporate greed. This franchise worked exactly the way that our banks are operating today. Profits before people. And finally, it is a case of a few working people showing some solidarity and winning one against the big boys. All I have to say is that it's a shame the Cleveland Browns fan club didn't run the Ontario Federation of Labour.

Tales From the Right

Charest a Liberal?

by Andrew Van Oosten
Columnist

Although I voted for the federal Tories in the last election, I was disappointed with the Honourable Jean Charest's performance and his apparent lack of a coherent ideology. Another fundamental item that was missing in Charest's election performance was passion. To me, he seemed to lack the powerful spirit and certain conviction Mike Harris had displayed during his election.

I realize that my belief that Jean Charest lacks passion is wrong. Charest is not only passionate about our country, his sincerity is infectious and he reminds me of how proud I am to be Canadian. Evidently, he is too. During the past election, I remember his one shining moment which was his fiery tirade against the evil and utter stupidity of

Quebec separatism. When Charest speaks of national unity, he comes alive. On that issue he is extremely effective and the true embodiment of a leader.

As he spoke, I listened intently to his wonderful enthusiasm for Canada and nodded affirmatively as he spun verbal circles around the typically lame-ass defenses which are mounted by useless bureaucrats such as Jean Chrétien and Daniel Johnson. Unlike them, Charest goes on the offensive and confidently gets right to the point: this country is great and therefore people who wish to kill it are not great. We know it and so does Jean Charest.

It truly is pathetic that the Liberals are so full of crap, they have to hire a Tory to fix their problems and make up for their past inadequacies.

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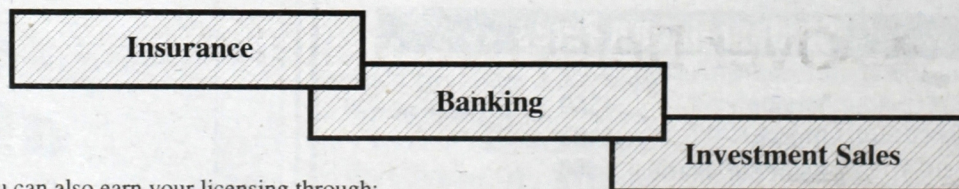
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Alien Abductee...Here in Sudbury!

by Sick Newart
Contributor

They've been to Europe, they've been to the States, they've been all over the world, and now the aliens have been to Sudbury. Loretta McTavish, Laurentian University student and resident of Alban, claims that she has been visited by little green men, though according to her, "They're not really all that green". It all happened last Tuesday night, around 1:30 in the morning, when Loretta was lying in the snow in a field near her Alban home. She was peacefully admiring the stars when she heard what she describes as being "a low, thundering rumble", which persisted for several minutes. Then, all of a sudden, out of the clear, starry night sky came a blinding flash of white light, which forced Loretta to shut her eyes. When she opened them again, her field of vision was encompassed by a "large, kinda

ovalish, oblong sphere." According to McTavish, it "had a lot of flashy white lights, but if you looked at them for more than a few seconds, they almost seemed to be blue, green, yellow, and then white again". This sudden apparition was followed by an abrupt loss of consciousness on McTavish's part, "either because the aliens hit [her] with some kind of unconsciousness beam, or because [she] was crap-in-your-pants sacred". When she regained consciousness, she was lying naked on what seemed at first to be her coffee table, but upon further reflection, she realized it was an alien observation table. She painfully raised her head and looked around her to see what was "the most amazing thing [she'd] ever seen". Around the table were several whitish four-foot-tall aliens, all with large, oversized, pupil-less eyes. "They had short little arms, short little legs, and no visible rectums. I had been

looking carefully to see if they had rectums, but I tell ya, I couldn't see any", related McTavish. Then came the part which is almost too disturbing for Loretta to discuss: the testing. "It was horrible", she said, "they poked me and prodded me in places I'd never legally been prodded in before. They took pieces of my skin, drops of my blood, and strands of my hair. And then came the anal probes. God, I don't even want to think about the anal probes". Loretta was then hit once again with another bout of unconsciousness, and woke up to find herself once again in the field near her home. She has yet to notify local mainstream media for fear of being laughed at, but intends on doing so once she feels that enough people support her story. Local alien authorities believe that she may have just "gotten drunk at a Satanic midget bar", but are unwilling to make any conclusions.

Research Shows Ill Effects of Internet Chat

by Dr. Foolin
Contributor

Your mother always told you that watching TV for too long would rot your brain. Had she told you that using the Internet, Internet Chat specifically, for too long would rot your brain as well, she'd be right. According to research done by government scientists, individuals who repeatedly expose themselves to prolonged bouts of IRC (Internet Relay Chat) or other forms of Internet Chat systematically 'wear down' certain sections of their brain. Sufferers of this condition, which experts believe to be in the hundreds of thousands nationwide, gradually erode the parts of the brain that have to do with physical activity, scent recognition, ability to use the five senses and ability to manipulate objects. Scientists have decided to call sufferers Laxitudinous, Olfactory, Sensically and Ergonomical Ratifiers, or LOSERS, for short. It is believed to be a serious condition, and any suspected LOSERS are asked by authorities to report to a doctor and/or a therapist as soon as possible.

Russian Government Purchases Hormel, Makers of Spam

by R. Atshit
Contributor

In a move which has befuddled political experts the world over, the Russian Government has bought Hormel, the company which produces the famous mystery meat, Spam. Local experts theorize that perhaps it is to alleviate the food shortages currently being experienced in Russia, though political advisor Jeanne Korian wonders "how they would feed the entire country with the relatively meager amounts of Spam that Hormel has in stock. The Russian Government would have to round up the ingredients and materials necessary for Spam by themselves, and they have neither the funds nor the resources to do so. I'm absolutely baffled as to what they'd use to replace the pig, or horse or whatever is the primary ingredient of Spam". The Russian government refused to comment.

911's Newest Feature

New York - Century Communications announced today plans for an exciting new 900 service, with profits going to go to help defray the cost of installing and maintaining enhanced 911 service across the country. Called, 'The 911 Chatline' it allows callers to choose an area of the country, and listen to 911 emergency calls from it.

When asked what prompted this unusual foray into the 900 business, Century spokeswoman Fawn Lebowitz said, "In recent years we've seen a dramatic increase in the popularity of reality-based television

shows. The 911 Chatline allows callers to experience real-life drama while it is going on, all from the comfort of their own home."

While listening to the emergency calls going through, callers to the Chatline have a number of options. They can listen to just the 911 calls for the area they select, switch their call to a different area, or, probably the most interesting option, connect their calls to the 911 Chatline to discuss the details of the emergencies to each other as they happen, and before the police have even arrived!

Thanks to new voice recogni-

tion software from AT&T, callers do not even need a touch tone telephone in order to use the service. They can choose which 911 centre to listen to simply by saying the area code and city that they are interested in listening to calls from. Calls are directed to the 911 centre nearest this location.

As 911 centres sign up to receive their share of the profits, they are connected to the Chatline Network. Century says it has already wired up over 50 centres, and that it has coverage in most metropolitan areas. They plan to have the whole nation wired by April 1998.

Pope Declares 'Savior Search'

by Hoe Lee Shytt
Contributor

Plagues. Wars. Asteroids. The 1990's, the decade leading up to the end of the millennium, have been a tumultuous time such as the world has never seen. Experts of the Bible have even gone so far as to say that these are the signs of Armageddon, the end of the world as we know it, as foretold in the Book of the Apocalypse. This has alarmed many world leaders, and religious ones as well. One such concerned figure is Pope John Paul II, the Earthly representative of Jesus Christ and head of the Roman Catholic church. After much

deliberation with cardinals, bishops and even priests, the Pope has come to a decision that has shaken believers the world over. In a recent press conference, the Pope announced that "the world is on the brink of its Final Day. According to the Holy Bible, Christ should have come to us by now to redeem our souls, to lead the righteous down the shining path to eternity. And yet, He has not. We must therefore assume that He is here, on Earth, but is not aware of Himself. He must be as He was in His First Coming, born from a mor-

tal woman, unaware that He is mankind's Savior. So I am now declaring, in the name of the Roman Catholic Church, as well for the human race, a Search for the Savior". The Pope then went on to ask the global public that if "you have performed any miracles recently, you may be the Savior. It is possible, however, that His powers may be latent, and so miracles may not have yet manifested as part of His persona". If you think that you or somebody you know is the Second Coming of Christ, you are asked to report to your nearest priest.

Condom Industry Up In Arms Over Defective Materials

by Hick Lewart
Contributor

After having collectively invested millions upon millions of dollars in selling innumerable boxes of their products, condom companies across the continent are furious at recent discoveries about their source materials. The active material used in making condoms, latexinon, or latex for short, is relied upon to maintain the integrity of the product, ensuring the non-impregnation of the women during copulation. However, due to recent unnaturally arid condi-

tions in Sao Paolo, Brazil, home of LatexaCorp (the principal distributor of latex to North American condom companies), and the consequently poor quality of the chemical binding process, defects have been discovered in several popular brands of condoms. The latex molecules in condoms are normally held strongly together by a particular chemical composition. In recent condom batches however, the molecules are found to separate almost imperceptibly, so that

relatively large amounts of sperm are able to 'sneak through' the material of said condoms, undetected. Several condom companies, as well as their distributors, are looking to charge LatexaCorp with both civil and criminal lawsuits in response to these recent discoveries. The condom industry has issued a formal apology to anybody who has used a condom in the past two months, and has demanded a recall of virtually all condoms and condom products.

Newly Revealed Statistics About Alcohol Consumption

by Dick Hewart
Contributor

According to recent research done by the Beinhoff-Schryer (BS) Research Corp.,

- 1 in 4 alcoholics realize their affliction after an incident involving a squirrel, a prostitute, and/or a wheelbarrow
- 15% of all alcohol-consumers are charged with destruction of property, 11 in 13 cases of which are other people's shoes
- 250 000 people each year are bankrupted by alcohol-related incidents, such as drunken poker games, drunken bar tabs, and colossal fines for drunken copulation with pick-up truck exhaust pipes
- 23% of global alcohol-consumption takes place in churches
- 2 out of 5 people will cheat on , or get the urge to cheat on their girlfriend/boyfriend/wife/husband/lover/mate/sheep while drunk
- 38% of people get the sudden urge to rip off their clothes while under the influence of alcohol
- 42% of alcohol-consumers vomit, at some point, on something embarrassing, i.e. their carpet, their friend's carpet, their friend, their AA sponsor
- 67% of people who drink and try to be coherent at the same time kill twice as many brain cells as a regular drinker

Russia Suffers High Disappearance Rate

by C. Yalater
Contributor

According to Russian sources, the former Soviet Union is undergoing a sudden, steep increase in its number of disappearances. "I don't understand it", said Boris Nyatilova, justice professor at the prestigious St. Petersburg University, "Originally, I thought it may have the Mafia's doing, but it's not their style. There's far too many people disappearing for it to be their fault. I...I just don't get it". The regular annual rate of disappearances, 45 000 people, has been multiplied to 450 000 in the past week alone. "It's an ongoing tragedy, and I wish I had an explanation", continued Nyatilova. The Russian government refused to comment.

Top 25 Things to do to Annoy Your Roommate

by Nick Stewart
Staff Writer

1. Leave Kleenexes dipped in mayonnaise on the floor. Tell guests that your roommate is disgusting and show them.
2. Buy a jack-in-the-box. Every day turn the handle until the clown pops out. Scream continuously for twenty minutes.
3. Make a sandwich. Don't eat it, leave it on the floor. Ignore the sandwich. Wait until your roommate gets rid of it, and then say, "Hey, where the hell is my sandwich!?" Complain loudly that you are hungry.
4. Fill an empty shaving cream can with whipped cream. Use it to shave, and then spray some into your mouth. Later on, complain that you feel sick. Continue this process for several weeks.
5. Talk back to your Rice Krispies. All of a sudden, act offended, throw the bowl on the floor and kick it. Refuse to clean it up, explaining, "No, I want to watch them suffer."
6. Read the phone book out loud and excitedly. ("Frank Johnson! Oh, wow! 837-9494! Holy cow!")
7. Leave memos on your roommate's bed that say things like, "I know what you did", and "Don't think you can fool me." Sign them in blood.
8. Sit and stare at your roommate for hours. Bring others in to join you. Eat peanuts, throwing a few at your roommate. Then say, "Boy, these zoos just aren't what they used to be".
9. Every time the phone rings, turn on the stereo at full volume and begin to violently slam-dance with your roommate. If s/he asks about it, say, "OH, that damn hypnotist..."
10. Get a can of beans. Label them, 'Jumping beans'. Eat them, and then jump around the room. Get another can of beans. Label them, 'Dancing beans'. Eat them, and then dance around the room. Get another can of beans. Label them, 'Kill Your Roommate beans'. Eat them, smiling at your roommate.
11. Speak at length about your lust for Pippi Longstocking as your roommate tries to fall asleep.
12. Make some rice for dinner. Pause suddenly, spit out a mouthful and scream "Maggots! Maggots!". Blame your roommate. When done, make more rice and finish eating.
13. Buy a copy of Helter Skelter or Silence of the Lambs or any equally gruesomely titled book. Sit in a room with your roommate and read the book (or pretend to) with a highlighter mumbling, "That looks good..." as you highlight passages in the book.
14. Quote Bob Barker at length.
15. Compose an obituary for your roommate. Keep it posted in a conspicuous place and update it frequently. Report the date of death as one week before the end of the semester.
16. If your roommate has cans of Chef Boyardee, buy dog food in similar-size cans. Switch the labels.
17. Each day announce that you are changing your major. Get increasingly creative (Nuclear Egyptology, Environmental Macrobiotic Accounting, Mid-Fifteenth Century Bolivian Dermoplasty, etc.) as time goes on.
18. Eat a bag of marshmallows before going to bed. When your roommate falls asleep, spray about two cans worth of whipped cream around the room. When your roommate asks about it the next day, say that you 'felt sick'.
19. Buy two Chia pets. In a few days, buy 6 more. A couple of days later, buy another dozen. Explain that they're breeding. Ask your roommate to chip in for six dozen Chia vasectomies.
20. Paint abstract paintings, and title them things like, 'Roommate Dying in a Car Crash', and 'Roommate Getting Whacked in the Head with a Shovel'.
21. Buy tons of men's magazines (or women's magazines, depending) and hide them all under your roommate's mattress. Tell guests about what a pig your roommate is and lift your roommate's mattress.
22. Replace his/her toothpaste with Fix-O-Dent.
23. When talking to him/her, alternate between being exceedingly polite and disgustingly rude every sentence.
24. Keep a harem of thirty Cabbage Patch Kids. Ask if your roommate "has any desires".
25. Become a mime. Nothing is more annoying than a mime.

Scraping Roadkill Off the Information Superhighway

by Nick Stewart
Staff Writer

Herman's Banana Heaven: <http://members.aol.com/bumingler/bananas.html>

Whoever said that bananas are boring obviously never visited this page. The guy who owns this page is obviously demented, which is probably why I love this place so much. Jason (the owner of the page) has a 'pet' banana called Herman, which he apparently carries with him everywhere. Okay, sure there are a few sexual jokes ('There's a smiling Banana named Herman in my pocket'), but on the whole this page is just a forum for this Jason guy's obsession with Herman. And understandably so: Herman has been to Hawaii, Halloween parties, and Broadway shows, and many other places. This place is extremely twisted, which should be enough incentive in itself to go see it.

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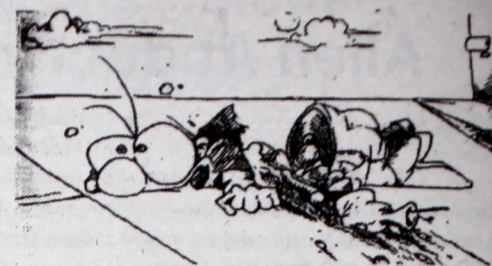
The name pretty much says it all. Anybody CAN make e-mags, or electronic magazines, which is made pretty obvious by this site. You can guess just by reading the articles that it is made by 'regular' people. This place does however have a redeeming quality: a few of the writers are weird, which is more than enough for me to want to read it. Worth visiting if for no other reason than to read about Art's tawdry stint as a drunken, cursing child pornographer...in grade five.

Mentos, The Freshmaker!: <http://www3.gse.ucla.edu/~cjones/mentos-faq.html>

If ever there was anything you wanted to know about those stupid-ass candies, Mentos, here's the site at which to find it. And I mean ANYTHING. Ranging from ingredients to commercial synopses to Mentos merchandise, this site has it all. Normally I wouldn't list a site for a candy that has commercials of that bogglingly stupid a caliber, but the makers of this site are, very obviously, twisted. There's not just normal Mentos stuff here. There's also Mentospeak ('Mentostopheles (proper noun): Person who uses Mentos for evil rather than Freshness'), the Proper Way to Eat Mentos and many other weird Mento-ish things. As I said, I hate those dumbass Mentos commercials, but this place is actually a lot of fun.

Mutantdog's Genetic Anarchy Network: <http://members.aol.com/xyzyzy54321/doghouse.htm>

One of the coolest sites I have ever had the pleasure of setting my disturbed eyes on. This place has it all: twisted links, twisted graphics, and twisted facts. This guy's miscellaneous links sounds suspiciously familiar, though...I mean, a lot of the ones I've covered in this column are covered on that page...strange. At any rate, this guy's got links ranging from sites featuring actual mutant dogs, to Elvis Churches to chickens. This place is worth visiting if for no other reason than the Unusual Historic Facts (Benjamin Franklin was once knocked unconscious while trying to electrocute a turkey) / Strange and Stupid Deaths (1971 — William G. Hall of England committed suicide by boring eight holes in his head with an electric drill) page. Trust me, if you visit no other page during your browsing, visit this one.



by Mat Thompson
Entertainment Editor

"Because as he dreamt, I shall save his life with an arrow. The arrow of my love for him." That is the strange but very cool premise of this movie. If you think you know exactly what this movie is about, you don't know anything. Sure it is a love story, but coming from the filmmakers of *Trainspotting* you have to expect something a little strange.

Robert (Ewan McGregor) is one of life's losers. He works as a janitor at a giant corporation but dreams of something... less ordinary... while he writes what he hopes will be the Great American Trash Novel. Celine (Cameron Diaz), on the other hand, has never wanted for anything in her short and pampered life as the daughter of Robert's boss.

Like Robert, she's bored. Under normal circumstances these two souls would never cross paths. But celestial cops O'Reilly and Jackson (Holly Hunter and Delroy Lindo) have just been handed their toughest assignment: bring Robert and Celine together, even if bones have

to be broken in the process. It's an impossible proposition... until Robert kidnaps Celine.

I don't want to give too much of the story away, but Robert and Celine turn into a Bonnie and Clyde operation across the country trying to get a ransom from her father, lose the hitman-type angels following them and just get away from each other as soon as possible. They rob banks, fall in and out of love, and even do a little karaoke along the way.

Ewan McGregor is at his comic best in this movie. Recently he has seemed to sell out and just walk through his rolls (*Brassed Off* especially), but in *A Life* his is amazing. Cameron Diaz has come up through the ranks of Hollywood's leading ladies pretty fast. Ever since her debut in *The Mask* she has been destined for

stardom. She perfectly plays a stuck up little bitch who is so bored with her existence that she actually shoots apples off her servants heads for fun. Delroy Lindo and Holly Hunter are funny, but a little out of place in the movie. They do a good job of making the movie not your run of the mill kidnapping/love story, but they are a little too strange at points.

One great roll in the movie was that of the angel Gabriel by Dan Hedaya (Nick Tortelli from *Cheers*). He plays the boss of Lindo and Hunter so perfectly. He makes the angel Gabriel look like a mix between a mobster and a used car sales man. The most hilarious scene is when he has to call God on the phone and ask for a favor. He is a great comic actor with amazing timing.

I guess the best thing to say about this movie is that if you are looking for a movie a little... less ordinary, then this is the movie for you. Just remember my warning... Cameron Diaz wasn't faking how bad of a singer she was in *My Best Friend's Wedding*! Thank heavens that Ewan can hold a tune or the Karaoke scene would have been horrendous!



Dark City

by Yaron Blanc
York University's *Excalibre* (CUP)

In a rare personal moment allowed to Rick Deckard, the unsuspecting protagonist of Ridley Scott's stunning 1982 cyber-noir *Blade Runner*, our hero describes the logic behind the villainous desires of the films "bad guys." As Deckard says, "all they'd (have) wanted were the same answers the rest of us wanted. Where have I come from? Where am I going? How long have I got?"

In *Blade Runner*, both man and android seem united in their common longing for answers to the impossible questions of the universe, curious and immortal to the ambiguous fate that awaited them both. In *Dark City*, the new film from Aussie-director Alex Proyas (*The Crow*), this immortal craving becomes the central fabric of a complex and fascinating fable where illusion and reality play a deadly game. With *Blade Runner*'s dystopian bleakness and the psychological drive found in many Hitchcock classics, *Dark City* attempts to entice its audience into solving a puzzle that, for all intents and purposes, may never be solved.

John Murdoch (Rufus Sewell) awakens one evening, stark naked in the bathtub of a strange apartment. With no recollection of his past and no knowledge of his identity, Murdoch flees and begins looking for answers. In a constant irony that emerges throughout the film, Murdoch escapes inot what becomes his dooming trap - a city with a strange familiarity that seems a bit to uneven for his own good.

Unbeknownst to our hero is the trail that awaits him. Fate takes him to a driven detective who suspects Murdoch of multiple homicide, and a band of outsiders, known simply as "The Strangers," who, with shaved heads and dark-trenchcoat, roam the city streets with a purpose of their own. Only the eccentric Dr. Schreber (Keifer Sutherland) knows what's going on.

Every evening, as the bell tolls

midnight, the dark city slows down to a halt, leaving each person and object frozen in a lifeless moment. As the city lies still, The Strangers use their powers to experiment with humans around them. In a bizarre ritual known as "tuning", memories are tampered with and revised, so that when the city clicks back to life shortly after, every citizen has assumed a new identity. Standing in the way of this grotesque experiment is Murdoch, who unexpectedly awoke during the tuning. The story follows the attempts at piecing his identity back together in a city that never sees light.

Although the premise is a bit heavy, Proyas creates quite a succulent feast for the thrill seeking viewer. Proyas has given birth to a truly extraordinary vision filled with all the wonderful details that accompany his sort of talent. The pointed city streets and remarkable arching landscapes that loom above the futuristic town are reminiscent of the glorious post-modern architecture found in such classics as diverse as *Metropolis* and *The Fifth Element*. *Dark City* bleeds its artistic tone from every pore.

It is quite remarkable that this polished piece of eye-candy still manages to weave an intelligent story from its shell. *Dark City* could have lost itself in its visual asperations, but the intelligent script that never underestimates its audience saves it from becoming just another cool looking music video. *Dark City* eventually suffers from an exaggerated attempt at grandeur, with an ending that strays from the intelligence of the story. One only wishes Proyas could have kept the conclusion grounded, without letting it explode into a typical Hollywood climax. Also weak are some of lifeless performances that suffer from a complete lack of character and personality. Luckily the story is too rich to let it's inhabitants spoil the mood. *Dark City* remains an original, vivid portrait with intelligence and energy that moves like a breath of fresh air on screen.

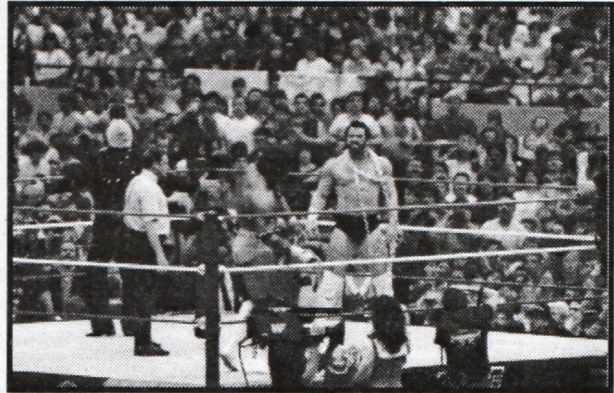
by Mat Thompson
Entertainment Editor

Now for the last few weeks on Off The Record I fans have been able to both Vince McMahon and Eric Bischoff explain why their federation is better than the other. They both claimed that they create what the fans want to see. That's funny, because if they created what the fans wanted to see, the fans wouldn't boo their asses every time they came down to the ring. I got a letter a week ago about me being anti-McMahon, well I guess I am a little, but no to the extent that I don't think he isn't the driving force in the wrestling world still. I am anti-Bischoff to the core, but I don't mind McMahon, but both have to get their corporate heads out of their corporate asses and maybe hire a few younger people to let them know what's up. They can't know what the younger views want to see. Cornette thinks we want to see old-timers return, McMahon thinks we want another Hulk Hogan to worship, and Bischoff thinks we want an indestructible group that rules the world. Well, they are all wrong. I was thinking the other night when I was watching Thursday Thunder about what I would do to create the ultimate federation. Well, since I get to write this column (I'm the editor, who's gonna stop me?), I thought I'd share my thoughts and dreams for the MWA (Mat's Wrestling Alliance).

First I'd fire anyone over 40 who can't perform anymore. Hogan, Flair, Piper, Macho, and anyone who Cornette likes that hasn't retired yet (especially Dok Hendrix). For announcements, I'd keep Jim Ross, Jerry Lawler on one night and I'd put Larry Zbysko and Jessie Venture on another. Any other former wrestler has to go. Sunny would be the ring an-

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nouncer for every event, and WWF refs would stay as they seem to know what they are doing.

Now on to the wrestlers. nWo would have to go, but the Flock and D-Generation X can stay. D-X needs new members like Chris Jericho, Buff, Scott Steiner, Brian Christopher, Nash, Badd Ass Billy, and Curt Henning. The Flock could use guys like The Headbangers, Steve Blackman, Syxx and Hall. The Boriquas need to go away, but with Conan and a few more Luchadors like Psychosis, La Parka, and The Guerreros they would be better. DOA need some power. Crush should return with Smash (Barry Darsow) and others like Kendal Windham, Wrath, Kergan and Reese to make the DOA stronger than ever.

Now the Nation of Domination. These guys are good. I like them all, but they need a little more power and prestige. Booker T and Stevie Ray would help a lot, but they need a leader/manager like Butch Reed, JYD, or better yet Bad News Brown. Their leader would not wrestle, but lead them in a better direction.

The top five names would probably have to be Sting (back to the Stinger days of blond hair), Shamrock, Goldberg, Sid, and Vader. Undertaker, Kane, DDP, HBK, Bret, Stone Cold, HHH, The Giant and other would still be big names, but not champs as much as they have been. Guys like Saturn, Benoit, Buff, Bart

Gunn, Marc Mero, Dustin Rhodes, Owen Hart and Jeff Jarrett would be used to their full potential as the future of the federation.

Tag team wrestling would be big and new teams would always be added. Shamrock/Blackman, Patriot/Ultimo Dragon, Luger/Benoit and others would be big as well as guys

like the Stieners, LOD, New Midnight Express. Battle Royals would return with a vengeance as well as lumberjack, Indian strap, ladder and scaffold matches.

And last but not least, I'd make sure I was around Marlena/Terry Runnels as much as possible because I love her! Basically, that would be the beginning of my federation, and McMahon and Bischoff would have to buy a ticket with all the other humanoids that came to see the MWA.

Now that that is over, there are a few matches I want to see soon. Goldberg needs some real competition. Saturn, Buff or Booker T would make a memorable battle. Benoit and Prince Iakia need to join the WWF so I can see them rip Brian Christopher and Taka Michinoku apart. The New Midnight Express is a great looking team and hopefully will destroy the New Age Outlaws. I want to see Raven actually wrestle. I loved ECW event on the dish and miss his style. Lodi needs more action. I think Lodi Vs. Dean Malenko would be a cool match. HBK Vs. Sting would be cool, as well as Bret Vs. Sting before Bret gets to stale. and the ultimate would be Sid Vs. That new nWo guy!

That's it for me, but if you have a few ideas for great matches, drop them off to me in the Lambda office and I will be sure to print them.

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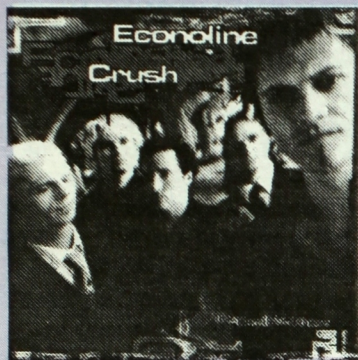
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REVIEWS BY MAT THOMPSON, ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR.



Econoline Crush - The Devil You Know

Before I started this job reviewing the CDs for Lambda, I never knew Canada had such a musical talent base! I thought the only thing musically that came from Canada was Anne Murray, The Hip and a few other little bands. Now after almost two years of Canadian music being shoved down my throat, I have to say, we have some of the best bands around. Almost every week I say that another band's album is one of the best I have received, but **Econoline Crush** has to be this week's... hell, one of this year's best albums (and I bought this one with my own money)!

This is an amazing album! There is nothing whinny, boring or recycled about this group. They know how to play and they do it better than so many American bands that have major record deals. Just listen to *Sparkle and Shine* and you will know what I mean. The disc says there are 11 tracks but if you look closely at your CD player you will notice 23 tracks come up. The first 11 tracks are the songs listed, the next 11 are just 5 seconds long consisting of dead air and the final 23rd track is a speech or something by a girl speaking what I think is French (I failed grade 9 French so I have no idea!).

Another song that has hit it big on the radio for **Econoline Crush** is *All That You Are (X3)*. I have no idea what the X3 is for on the end, but it is a great song anyway! Other tracks include *Hollowman*, *The Devil You Know*, *Haven't Gone Away*, and *Razorblades and Bandaides*. Every song on the album is great, but my two favorites are *Surefire* and *Deeper*. *Surefire* is a great lead off track that hits hard and makes the listener want more. *Deeper* is interesting since it's sound is very reminiscent of the late 80's. The sound isn't exactly 80's but it sounds like a very modern update of bands like U2 from the *Joshua Tree* era and others. *Deeper* is probably the best track of the album.

Econoline Crush's *The Devil You Know* is an amazing album that you just have to check out. The band is opening for **The Tea Party** (it should be the other way around) on March 27 in the Great Hall. If you missed out on the tickets make sure you get the album. You



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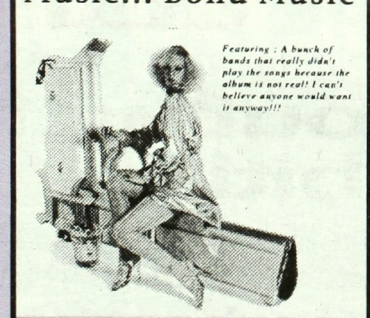
Unless you have been living under a rock for the last four months you have to have heard of **Marcy Playground**. Even if you don't know the name, the song *Sex and Candy* has to have been stuck in your head during a class or two.

Marcy Playground is a very interesting new alternative group. Their style is very alternative, yet laid back and almost bluesy. They sound like **Green Day** would if they smoked way too much dope and tried to imitate a blues band! *Marcy Playground's* lead singer **John Wozniak** has a very relaxed but powerful sound to his voice and can really grab a listener when he wants to.

The album contains 12 tracks that are all strange but cool. *Sex and Candy* is one of the best tracks but *The Vampires of New York* and *Ancient Walls of Flowers* are just as good, if not better. Other tracks include *The Shadow of Seattle*, *Sherry Fraser*, *A Cloak of Elvenkind* (a very strange song that will remind you of your DnD days), and the quirky *Saint Joe on the School Bus*.

This is a great album worth checking out. Many of the songs sound close to the same, but if you like *Sex and Candy*, you will like the rest of the album. **Marcy Playground** is available now, don't miss it.

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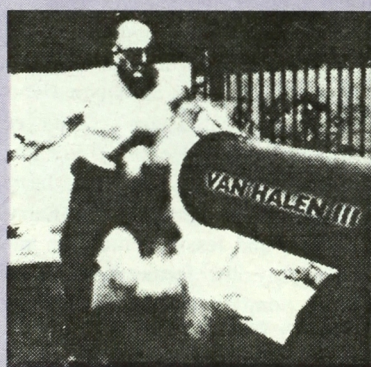
I am the biggest fan of James Bond and when I heard they were making this tribute album I almost died! James Bond movies, good and bad, have all had one thing in common... great theme music! Every movie had it's own song that was the same as the title. From the 60's to 90's some of the biggest groups have lent their own Bond song to a movie, and now the stars of today have redone the classics their own way.

Many Bond songs are not as

well known as others, but 15 of the best are on this disc. The only song that is done by it's original performer is last years *Tomorrow Never Dies* by **Sheryl Crow**. Many of the songs are done close to the original, but many groups took all the artistic liberty they could muster and altered the song forever!

From A View To A Kill (originally by **Duran Duran**) barely resembles the original now that **Gwar** has attacked it. **Reel Big Fish** ska's up *Octopussy*, **Stevie Wonder** beautifies *GoldenEye*, and **Aerosmith** screeches out *Thunderball*. Other groups featured on the album include **Green Day** (*Diamonds are Forever*), **Collective Soul** (*From Russia With Love*), **The Cardigans** (*Moonraker*), and **Ben Folds Five** (*Licence to Kill*). Every song on the album is great but there are two stand out songs that must be heard.

In a very strange move the band **Goldfinger** sings the title song from *Goldfinger*. Probably just a cute corporate decision, but they do a cool version of the over 30 year old tune. The best song on the album though is *Live and Let Die*. **Paul McCartney** played the original and G'n'R remade it a few years ago, but the Bond Music version is beautifully remade by **Julian Lennon**. You have never heard this song played better than you will on Bond Music. Bond Music is available now in the soundtrack section of your local music store.



Van Halen III

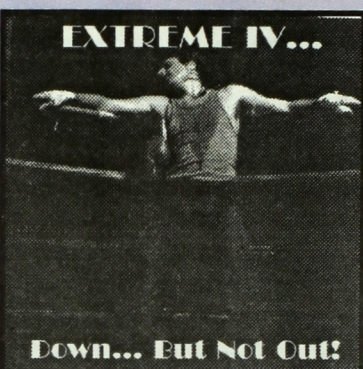
It has finally arrived, the latest CD from **Van Halen** with their third lead singer **Gary Cherone**. I am one of the biggest **Van Halen** fans around, but I have a few doubt when it comes to this album. I have listened to the album all the way through at least 5 times now, but I still can't give it the glowing review I would like to.

When you listen to this album, **Gary Cherone** is trying to hard to sound like **Sammy Hagar**. It is obvious that Hagar had the right sound and Eddie and the boys want the same sound, but just not Sammy. Cherone is a great singer and does good on the album, but he is not **Van Halen**. To me, the title of the album says it all... *Van Halen III*. **Van Halen** will always be three guys, **Eddie and Alex Van Halen** and **Michael Anthony**. No matter who sings the vocals, they will never truly be a member of **Van Halen**. Hell, I don't even know why **Van Halen** needs vocals. I could listen to Eddie play for hours without a single word sung and still be in heaven.

Van Halen III does have some great songs that sound and rock just like **Van Halen** has for years! *Newworld* exemplifies exactly what I just said

with Eddie playing his best for the fans. *Without You*, already climbing up the charts, is bound to be a classic, but if you didn't know, you would think Sammy had returned. Other good tracks include *Dirty Water Dog*, *Fire in the Hole*, and *Ballot in the Bullet*.

Van Halen III is a good album and goes perfectly into the **Van Halen** collection many fans have created, but just keep in mind, **Gary Cherone** really brings nothing new to the band. *Van Halen III* is out now and is selling fast. If you like the old stuff, you will like this album, but if you are looking for a *More Than Words* version of **Van Halen**, maybe you should just skip past this album.



Extreme IV - Down... But Not Out

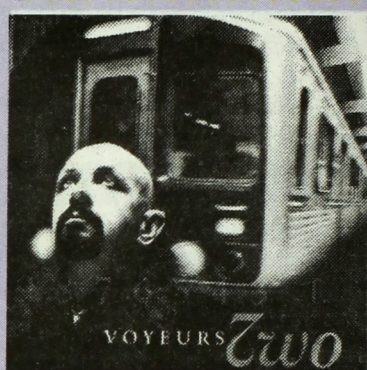
Sure, **Gary Cherone** may have bailed on his former group, but **Extreme** in a very smart move have released an album of new and old songs to prove that they may be *Down... But Not Out!* According to their latest bio, they tried to come up with a new lead singer that could help the group back into superstardom, but decided on collaborating with different musicians to create a collection of hits that could be hard to match.

The CD contains 13 tracks of pure rock as **Extreme** was known for. There are a few instrumentals, but it is the power of the guest lead singers that drives this album. **Scott Weiland** the on and off lead singer of **Stone Temple Pilots** lends his hard driving vocals to *Con Game*, while **ex-Presidents of the US** lead **Chris Ballew** ska's up one of two versions of *More Than Words*. **Ex-Nirvana** and now **Sweet 75's** **Chris Novoselic** plays back up on *Got You Now* while **ex-Poison** front man **Bret Michaels** belts out the vocals. **Sheryl Crow**, who just loves to show up everywhere, is the only female on the disc among other hard hitters including **Dee Snyder** (*Twisted Sister*), **David Grohl** (ex-Nirvana, Foo Fighters), and **Vince Neil** (*Motley Crue*).

This album is like a who's who of greats that have nothing to do. Just the tracks I have listed should have most of you running to your local record store to get this album, but there is still the best part. **Extreme** actually got two of the most popular lead singers around to collaborate on this album. Lending his vocals to *LSD and You're Crazy* is none other than **David Lee Roth**. That's right. **Van Halen** took Gary, **Extreme** got **Diamond Dave**. Sure his vocals are getting rough but he is still great. And

the final kick in the 'nads to Eddie and the boys comes with the final three tunes sung by none other than **Sammy Hagar**! I have no idea how they pulled this off, but this is going to be a huge seller! Hagar and the boys play *More Than Words* like never before, update the Hagar classic *I Can't Drive 55*, and rock the roof off with *Sucker Punch*. This album is worth getting just to hear Sammy still in his prime playing with **Extreme**.

Extreme IV, *Down... But Not Out* is available now on **Pigs Fly Records**. Sure, **Van Halen** may have a new album, but **Extreme** has a record of epic proportions. Check it out as soon as you can!



Two - Voyeurs

I have no idea where this **Rob Halford** guy comes from, or what his old releases were, but he has supposedly returned from a break with his latest release *Voyeurs*. **Two's** biography reads more like a manifesto written by **Halford** than an explanation of the band's past.

The sound was very familiar and when I finished reading the bio/manifesto I knew why. **Trent Reznor** is the Executive Producer and the album was recorded on **Reznor's** *Nothing Label*. So, as most people know, anything **Reznor** has to do with is usually pretty damn hard core. The sound is very much like that of *The Downward Spiral* and is not main stream at all. This is, once again, hard core shit that most people will not like. I don't mind this style of music, but it is hard to recommend it to people when you know most people will just call it a bunch of loud noise. Well, it is a bunch of loud noise, but it actually isn't that bad.

Voyeurs is to be released this month so look for it if you think you can take it. For the rest of you, maybe it would be best to stick with the reviews from **Econoline Crush** and **Marcy Playground**!

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Events to Remember!!!

Friday, March 27 - The Tea Party and Econoline Crush are playing The Great Hall right here on campus. Didn't get your tickets in time, I'm sure there are a few people out there willing to trade them for a third year psychology paper or something of that sort. Either that or get a lawn chair and a case of beer and sit on the lawn outside the school. you can hear the music perfectly!

- Another thing to do on this night is to go to the opening night of the re-release of **Grease!** Come on, every one loves this movie and I know every one out there knows the words to *Greased Lightning!*

Saturday, March 28 - The Roach Motel is playing *The Townhouse*. The Roach Motel is a sound system; a live band & DJ that combines sounds, samples & songs to create an awesome mix of acid jazz, R&B, triphop & straight ahead funk! "*The Townhouse is one of our favorite venues to play - y'all know how to party!*"

Sunday, March 29 - Wrestlemania XIV! What else did you expect? This is *the* wrestling event of the year!

Monday, March 30 - The New Meanies at *The Townhouse!!!* This is one of the coolest ways to spend a Monday night. The New Meanies are an amazing Canadian band that is ripping up the charts. Don't miss this one!

Tuesday, April 1 - The Grotto has booked Canadian greats **The Tragically Hip** for one night only with special guests **The Headstones**. Admission is free with a charitable donation of one box of Kraft Dinner at the door.

Sick Joke of the Week

A man had been drinking all night at the bar. The bartender finally said that the bar was closing. As the man stood up to leave, he fell flat on his face. He tried to stand one more time; same result. He then figured he would crawl outside, get some fresh air and hopefully sober up.

Once outside he stood up and fell flat on his face. After a few more attempts, he decided to crawl the 4 blocks home. When he arrived at the door he stood up once again, and fell immediately on his face. He crawled through the door and into his bedroom.

When he reached his bed he tried one more time to stand up. This time he got to his feet and fell right into the bed. He passed out before his head had even hit the pillow. The next morning we awakened to his wife standing over him, shouting, "So, you've been out drinking again!!!"

"What makes you say that?" he asked as innocently as he could.

"The pub called... you left your wheelchair there again!"

PRESS RELEASE

SAG/GEA Concert Series #5

Due to the overwhelming demand for tickets to the *Tea Party/Econoline Crush* concert, the SAG/GEA has signed one last big concert for the end of exams! Wednesday, April 30 for one night only on the Ben F. Avery soccer grounds will be none other than **Sloan** with opening acts **Holly McNarland** and **54-40**. This is going to be huge.

"I felt bad about some past concerts (Skydiggers & Pursuit) and wanted to make it up to the students," explained Chrissie Haymen, SAG VP Extreme. "The Tea Party sold out so fast, and we never really had an Endless Summer the last few years, so why not a big outdoor party after exams!"

"We feel that the students are our main goal in the SAG and we love doing things like this for them," added SAG President Mikhail Grubb. "Now that I am leaving, I want to go out with a bang!!!"

Tickets are on sale now in the SAG office. Prices are \$2 with your student card and \$15 for any non-Laurentian students. There is a limit of 2 tickets per person, but there are more than there were for The Tea Party. The event is being sponsored by Molsen Canadian and University Concert and there will be tons of beer and give-aways. Get you tickets early!

Match Of The Century II

After last years brutal **Mayhem in the Morning**, *King Don Promotions* has signed what is to be the biggest match ever in sports history. Forget Tyson/Hollyfield. Forget Steve Austin/Shawn Michaels. Reigning six-man tag champions **The Tetley Tea Elves** have finally accepted the challenge of **Snap, Crackle and Pop!**

After last years grudge match between **Snap, Crackle and Pop** and their long time rivals **The Keebler Elves**, **The Tetley Tea Elves** have been ducking the challengers. On a recent interview with 20/20, **Pop** exclaimed "Those British chicken-s**ts have been sitting back in their country sipping tea and ducking everyone. We beat those over the hill Keeblers and now we want the champs. We are in the best shape of our lives and no one can touch us. We are the number f***ing one contenders and they refuse to fight!" Within days the *Breakfast Council* decided that if the Tetleys did not sign to defend their titles by April 1st of this year they would be stripped of their titles. Sources say that they tried to sign a match with the up and coming team of **The Pillsbury Dough Boy** and **Freddie and Eddie**, but Eddie is in the hospital with unknown injuries after a brutal no-holds barred match against **The Scrubbing Bubbles**.

The match has been signed for July 4th and once again will be held at the Trump Plaza. "This is going to be the biggest thing on Pay-Per-View since **The Kool-Aid Man** bit off a chunk of **The Michelin Tire Man's** arm in the now infamous heavyweight battle in Toronto!" exclaims King Don.

Years ago **Snap, Crackle and Pop** were good friends with the **Tetley Tea Elves**. They all trained together in **Toucan Sam's** gym and got along great.

"It all happened one day," explained **Toucan Sam**. "I came into the gym early to clean up a little when I found Snap just wailing on the oldest Tetley. From what I understand, Snap found the Tetley dipping his scones in Snap's fiancée! Snap went wild and beat the hell out of him." After this incident, the teams went their separate ways. The Tetley's shot to stardom when they signed **The Giant Tetley** to their team and became a force to be reckoned with. **Snap, Crackle and Pop** have paid their dues and have come through much adversity to get this title shot.

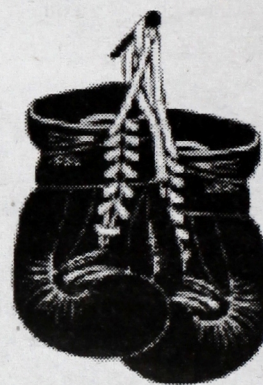
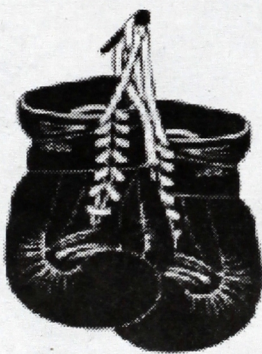
"Nothing is going to stop us." **Crackle** told us in an interview last week. "The Keeblers tried to stop us last year with

interference from that dirty team of **The Soggies**, but with **Capt. Crunch** watching our backs this year, we can't lose!"

This years special guest referee is none other than suspended heavyweight **Kool-Aid Man**. This decision was made when the council saw that there was no way to control both teams and their managers all at once. **Tony**

The Tiger will be the outside referee controlling any interference. The match has been signed and has been dubbed **Terror at Tea-Time**. Send the kids to grandma's, crack open a cold milk and watch the best of the best battle for the top. **Snap, Crackle and Pop Vs. The Tetley Tea Elves**, a source of 8 essential vitamins and violence!

Undercard matches include *Dig'em Vs. The Honey Nut Bee*, *The Scrubbing Bubbles Vs. The Potato Heads* and a special cage match between *The Pillsbury Dough Boy* and *Tickle Me Elmo*.



Wolves Among Sheep

by Nick Stewart
Staff Writer

You don't always have to win money to enjoy a bet, though it doesn't hurt. No, there are actually many bets out there that you can do just for the sake of doing them, and this is one of them. Ideally, you'd perform this particular one within the next week or so, for obvious reasons. If it's not that obvious, just think about it.

*All you'll need:

- a pool table
- a cue ball
- two regular pool balls
- a cue stick
- a quarter
- a sucker (must be a man, for reasons which will become obvious)

*Place an object ball on the lip of each foot corner pocket, and a quarter on the foot spot. The sucker stands at the end of the table with his hands against the back of the pockets. Tell him you can hit both balls with the cue ball in one shot without touching his hands. The cue ball hits the quarter, jumps over the foot rail and strikes the mark in the crotch.

Warning: Don't try this with anyone bigger than you unless you have a clear path to the door.



Romance in The (Hammer) Works?

There have been many reports in the last few weeks that popular television host and sex-therapist Sue Johanston has been seen around campus. Sue was last seen emerging from the CKLU Radio Station on Sunday, March 22, arm in arm with one of the radio personalities.

"Sure, I've met Sue a few times," Ray Diogi, CKLU station manager told Lambda. "But when it comes to the private lives, especially the sex lives of my DJs, I stay as far out of it as I can! And the reports of sex in the booth, well, I have to look into that!"

After some digging, Lambda has learned that Sue has left her husband of 36 years for HammerWerks host Bill Higgins. Bill has been a staple on the Laurentian radio station for a few years now and hosts his own night at Ralphie's in the south end.

When finally reached for comment, Bill said, "Listen, I don't know why every one keeps bugging me? My sex life is my business and if Sue and I are together that's none of your business! I like a woman who knows what she is doing and that is all I have to say!"

Bill's parents, worried about the influence Sue may have on their loving son, have gone to court this week to try to get a restraining order to keep them apart.

"I don't know why she has to mess with our good little son," Bill mother commented. "It's kind of sick if you think about it. My Bill is a good little boy and never gets into trouble. Now this Sue is coming around and corrupting him. We will put an end to this as soon as possible!"

Sue could not be reached for comment, but sources tell us that she will be appearing on the HammerWerks show this coming Sunday. All we can say to Bill is... whatever floats your boat man!



Bunny Bob Hits The Slopes... Literally!

By S. L. E.

The Carlampoon (PUC)

Bob, the cute fuzzy bunny, was wandering down a quiet country road one bright, sunny winter's day.

He came across a snow removal crew clearing the road. He danced nimbly around the machinery and continued on his way.

"What a lovely day" thought Bob, "Nothing could go wrong on a day like this."

Travelling along he finally came to his destination: the local

ski hill.

Getting his skis and poles, Bob hopped on the ski lift and went to the top of the mountain. The wind whipped his ears around his head as he donned his goggles.

Bob headed for his favorite run, simply called "Suicide Run". He found it roped off with a warning sign posted telling of dangerous conditions.

"Danger?" laughed Bob, "I'm not scared!"

Taking a quick look around to see if anyone was watching, he ducked under the rope and began

the run.

Bob raced at incredible speeds down the mountain.

"This is no different," thought Bob. "What a stupid sign."

Getting into a tuck, the rabbit increased his speed even more until he was going faster than he had ever gone before.

Teh roar of the wind in his ears was deafening and Bob screamed out his defiance to the mountain.

It was then he hit an ice patch. He spun out of control and shot off the run over the edge of a ravine. Flying through the air for an incredible distance, Bob only caught a glimpse of the giant fans of the snow making machine before he sailed right into them.

The fans sprayed blood, fur and flesh over the length of the children's bunny hill!

The Simpsons Canceled!

In a very surprise move this week, FOX Television has decided to cancel its long running hit cartoon series The Simpsons. This announcement came as a shock to Matt Groening, creator of the series, as well as to its legions of fans all across North America.

"We have received many letters of complaint about The Simpsons" stated R. Ailrail, FOX executive. "Sunday has always been known as a very religious day, and FOX's schedule has never really reflected this. We feel that it is in the best interest of the viewers to only see religious shows on a religious day. The Simpsons have no moral or ethical basis and is not the type of programming we want to keep."

The Simpsons will be replaced by a half-hour long cartoon show titled "The Simons". The show very reminiscent of that of the Flanders on The Simpsons. The family will visit different households every week and learn about the different religions of the world. A rumored running joke on the show is that of a group of Jehovah's Witnesses that always show up at the same house at the end of the episode. It sounds like a riot!

"FOX has always been known as the alternative network. We want to change that image to that of Christian-Based Programming Standards," added another FOX executive. "There are a few episodes of The Simpsons left to air, but The Simons will begin its run on Sunday, April 31st at 8pm. We are expecting big things from The Simons and hopefully our loyal viewers will understand the change."

LAST CALL

Auditions for - **The Rocky Horror Show**
A Classic Alternative Musical

When: April 31, 1998

From: 4-6 p.m.

Where: Frazer Auditorium

Who: Any Laurentian student interested in acting. There are several dozen bit parts available, though singing experience is a must for those interested in applying for central characters.

What's in it for you: The actors are granted a small honorarium as well as gaining valuable acting experience.

What to bring: Prepare a monologue and a song and it is best to be in costume.

IMPORTANT: You must be available for rehearsals starting the month of August.

See you there!

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Blah, Blah, Blah.

Now...

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Mmmm, Hmmm, Mmmm

D'h Blah, Blah, BLAH!!!

Dip, Dip, Dip, Dip

D'uh, Wonk Wonk

Flambuda nummmminummmmp

Mumble, snort...ummm, D'uh.

BLAH, BLAH, BLAH!!!

Hey, anyone want McDonalds breakfast?

Anonymous

POETRY...

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And remember, you can win multiple times with multiple strangers. So play now, and play often, because as we say here at McTaggart's, "If you can profit from a sleeping sheep, then go for it!"

Reasons to Throw a Party in April!

Once again we delve into The Art of Mixing Drinks Handbook and take a look at one month out of the 365 'Excuses to Throw a Party' chapter. This book was originally printed in 1959, but hey, a party is a party and no matter how dated these reasons are (there are a few new ones too), just have a drink, have a party, have fun!!!

- April 1 - April Fools Day (As if you couldn't tell)
2. Anniversary of the US mint
 3. Anniversary of the Pony Express
 4. It's Saturday, that should be enough reason!
 5. Bette Davis' and Spencer Tracy's Birthdays

6. Old Lady Day (that doesn't mean pick one up at the bar!)
7. Birthday of F.D.R.'s dog Fala
8. Anniversary of Ponce de Leon landing in Florida
9. Thursday Thunder, have a beer!
10. Founders Day in the Salvation Army

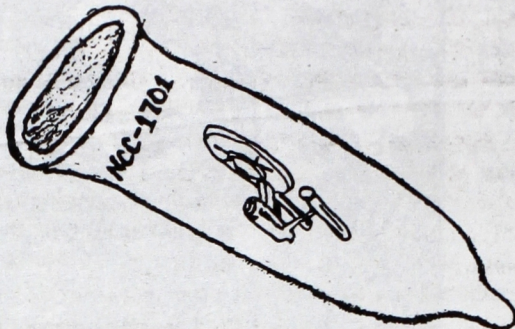
11. Last day to buy alcohol before Easter!
12. Easter Sunday
13. Birthday of Thomas Jefferson
14. Pan American Day

15. Hump Day!!!
16. Last issue of Lambda for the year!
17. 252 days until Christmas
18. Anniversary of Paul Revere's ride
19. Patriot's Day

20. Hitler's Birthday
21. Queen Elizabeth's Birthday
22. Arbor Day
23. Somewhere someone is having sex... toast them with a party!
24. Anniversary of... ahh, who cares! It's 'have a party for no good reason day'!
25. 190 days until Hallowe'en
26. Wedding of King George and Queen Elizabeth
27. Birthday of Ulysses S. Grant
28. Birthday of James Monroe
29. No more exams!!!
30. Anniversary of the N.Y. World Fair

Party...Party...Party!!!

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Cinefast Special Presentation Thursday, April 1st, 1998

Cinefast co-ordinator Shawn Pollen has booked a special double bill which he has called "My Favorite Movies".

"The double bill features two classics of American Cinema at its best," explained Shawn. "I always wanted to have my own night, and now that everyone is on vacation, I can do it!"

The first movie showing at 7 pm is **Ishtar** starring Warren Beatty and Dustin Hoffman. "I love this flick" added Shawn in his press conference.

The second screening will be of **Howard The Duck**, the 1980's box office giant starring Lea Thompson. Howard starts at 9:15pm.

This special presentation will be shown in theatre #4 in the Super City Centre-Odeon Theatre. Admission is \$2 per movie or \$3.67 for both.

This is a one time only double bill as the rest of the Cinefast staff will be returning soon!

A Million And One Uses For A Chocolate Chip Muffin

by Nick Stewart
Staff Writer

Use #199771: Stick a muffin in somebody's exhaust pipe for an immature yet fun surprise.

Use #81761: Fill a small baggie with food coloring, and then tight it off really tightly. Then buy a muffin, remove the 'head', and hollow out the bottom part, as well as a fairly large part of the top. Place the 'blood'-filled baggie inside the muffin, and put the top back on. Sit with some friends, and pretend to take a big bite of the muffin when in fact you are attempting to pierce the baggie with your teeth. Let the 'blood' trickle into your mouth. Open your eyes real wide, make a noise of terror, and pull your mouth back from your muffin, moaning. 'Blood' should be dripping from your teeth and quite possibly down your chin. Act as terrified as you possibly can. Play up the moment, freak out those around you!

Use #91001: While sitting in the caf, eating your muffin, scream extremely loudly at random intervals, and then continue calmly eating your muffin. When asked about it, claim "The Muffin made me do it....i."

Use #817191: Use food coloring to turn your entire muffin green. Then sit with somebody, who will obviously attempt to point out to you that your muffin is green. Look at them as if they're crazy, and pretend that there's nothing wrong with it. Bonus points for actually convincing the other person that they're color blind.

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There are only 500 kits available to Laurentian, so get yours while supplies last*. Last year's packs were gone in two days!

*Void where prohibited. No rain or sun checks available. Not transferable for any other goods. This is not money! This is not a real coupon anyway and if you actually take this coupon to the LU Buckstore (which doesn't exist) you do really need a dunce hat and should be sent home to your parents immediately!!!



'NUFF SAID!!!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The German Section of the Department of Modern Languages, Laurentian University presents **GERMAN MOVIE NIGHT**. It will show the movie **"Sissi"**, (in German with no subtitles) on **Friday, March 27**, at 7 p.m. in Room C 309 (Classroom Building at L.U.). The movie follows the true romance between Princess Elizabeth of Bavaria and Emperor Franz Joseph I of Austria. Admission is free and everyone is welcome to attend! For further information please call 525-5979.

The Arthritis Society is looking for volunteers to assist in the upcoming **HOOPS, a 3-on-3 basketball tournament** to be held on **March 28, 1998** in the Ben Avery Gym. If interested and willing to volunteer, please call Andrea at The Arthritis Society 674-0285.

As part of the series (Part II) **"Ethical Landmarks for a Better World"**, Marc Maesschalck, professor at l'Institut supérieur de philosophie de l'Université catholique de Louvain and lecturer at Facultés Saint-Louis de Bruxelles, will deliver the second lecture entitled **"L'éthique du travail"**, on **Monday, March 30**, at 7:30 p.m., in Canisius Hall, U of S. Info: 673-5661.

Famed Lecturer Coming to LU

Nationally acclaimed speaker, Dr. Paul Rossini, professor of sociology at Brock University, is planning to visit Laurentian University on his nationwide lecturing tour. On **April 2nd**, at 4:00 pm, is SCE 401, Dr. Rossini will discourse on his famed topic, **"Stupidity in Modern Society"**. Everyone is invited to attend.

Huntington University Centre for Spirituality and Health presents a **Weekend of Embodied Meditation**, entitled **"Treasure in Earthen Vessels: Toward a More Embodied Spirituality"**, on **Saturday, April 18 and Sunday, April 19**, from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., at the Lautenslager Hall, both workshops, \$60. Info: 673-4126, ext. 209 or djoblin@nickel.laurentian.ca.

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Union Gas presents **Up With People "Roads"**, April 18th & 19th at the Fraser Auditorium. Once again, let's welcome an enthusiastic brand of high energy entertainment. Tickets will be available soon at selected local merchants! Proceeds will be donated to the YMCA Geneva House. At this time, we are expecting a request for host families. This is a great opportunity for you and your family to experience bringing the world together through friendship and understanding. For more information, please contact us at our Union Gas office, 566-4301 ext. 2140.

Attention Students!

The Ontario Association of Social Workers is holding its Bi-Annual Conference, **"Creative Balance in Communities"**, here in Sudbury from **May 21st to 23rd 1998!** Our Keynote Address will be given by MINNIE JEAN TRICKEY, a member of the Little Rock Nine, the first group of black students to successfully integrate a white high school. Workshops will be offered in English and French, and a wide range of topics will be covered including Social Work, Employee Assistance and Mediation issues as Anglophone, Francophone and Native delegates strive to achieve balance within their lives and communities. All are welcome! Special student rates are available! Contact Pat at 523-6688 for more information.

Pride@LU's Support Group meets every **Tuesday from 5-6:30** to give students a chance to talk about the challenges of being gay, lesbian or bisexual. For more info contact Pride at Box 17, Student Centre or AGLL_L@nickel.laurentian.ca or inquire with the Counselling & Resource Centre at 673-6506.

1998-99 In-course scholarships are now available at the Student Awards Office. Deadline is June 1st, 1998.

ANNONCES

La Section allemande de Département des Langues Modernes, Université Laurentienne, sera présenter le film **"Sissi"**, (en allemand sans sous-titres), qui suivit l'histoire d'amour entre la princesse Elizabeth de la Bavière et l'empereur Franz Joseph I de l'Autriche, **le vendredi 27 mars** à 19 h à la salle C 309 à l'Édifice des classes à l'Université Laurentienne. Entrée libre et bienvenue à tous! Appelez 525-5979 de renseignements.

Dans le cadre de la série (partie II) **"Repère éthiques pour un monde meilleur"**, Marc Maesschalck, professeur à l'Institut supérieur de philosophie de l'Université catholique de Louvain et chargé de cours aux Facultés Saint-Louis de Bruxelles, prononcera la deuxième conférence intitulée **"L'éthique du travail"**, **le lundi 30 mars**, à 19 h 30, au salon Canisius, de l'U de S. Une réception suivra. Info: 673-5661.

La prochaine session de correction du Test de compétence en rédaction française aura lieu **le mercredi 15 avril**. Info: Normand Fortin, poste 4110 ou par courrier nfortin@nickel.laurentian.ca.

Le Centre de spiritualité et santé de l'Université Huntington présente une **fin de semaine de méditation**, intitulé **"Treasure in Earthen Vessels: Toward a More Embodied Spirituality"**, les **samedis 18 et dimanche 19 avril**, de 9 h 30 à 16 h 30, au salon Lautenslager, Université Huntington. Coût (dîner compris): atelier du samedi, 35 \$; les deux ateliers, 60 \$. Info: 673-4126, poste 209 ou djoblin@nickel.laurentian.ca.

Les formulaires de bourses d'études de 2ième, 3ième et 4ième année 1998-1999 sont maintenant disponibles au bureau d'aide financière. La date d'échéance est le 1er juin 1998.





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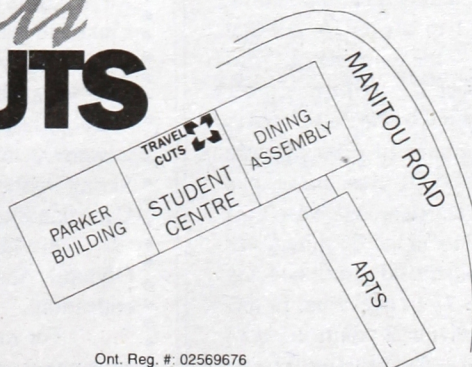
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Extreme Athletes



Cory Bailey Makes OUA Athlete of the week

Laurentian's Department of Athletics is extremely proud to announce that Cory Bailey has been named the OUA athlete of the week for his superb performance in the Wilson Cup.

Cory is a fifth year Arts student, studying Geography and history at Laurentian University. The Scarborough native played basketball for Cedarbral High School. Bailey is in co-captain of the Voyageurs Basketball team. During his years at Laurentian, Bailey has been honoured for his numerous accomplishments. He was named the OUA East MVP in 1995-96, and is a two time OUA East first team all-star. This past year Bailey has been rewarded for his outstanding level of play, he received Laurentian's Athlete of the week and at the OUA East playoffs, Bailey was named to the OUA all-star team. Last weekend the Voyageurs hosted the Wilson Cup. Bailey was a driving force for the Voyageurs to defeat the Waterloo Warriors and win this prestigious title for the first time in Laurentian's history. Bailey was Laurentian's leading scorer with 22 points and 9 rebounds and shot %83 from the foul line. Bailey was also awarded the Kitch MacPherson Award as the MVP of the game.



Stephanie Harrison Makes Saxon's Player of the Week

For the week of March 3-10 Stephanie Harrison was named Saxon's Basketball player of the week.

Stephanie Harrison is a third year Sport and Physical Education student enrolled in the School of Human Kinetics at



Laurentian University. A native of St. Catharines, Harrison spent many of her early years on the volleyball and basketball courts. She has been recognized this past year for her outstanding level of play in receiving Laurentian's Athlete of the week, OUA Athlete of the week and Saxon's player of the week. On the weekend of March 5th-8th, the OUA women's basketball championships, Harrison was named to the OUA All-Star team and was MVP of the tournament. During their first game of the tournament, the

Lady Vees defeated Guleph 72-43. Harrison lead the Lady Vees as high scorer with 19 points in her 25 minutes of play. On the Saturday the Lady Vees defeated Queen's 65-51 to secure a trip to the CIAU Championships. In this game Harrison again lead the Lady Vees as the high scorer with 23 points in her 25 minutes of play and shot %83 in free throws. In the gold medal game, the Lady Vees defeated the Western Mustangs 75-71 in overtime. In this game Harrison was one of the high scorers with 18 points in her 34 minutes and shot %73 in field goals as well as %100 in free throws.



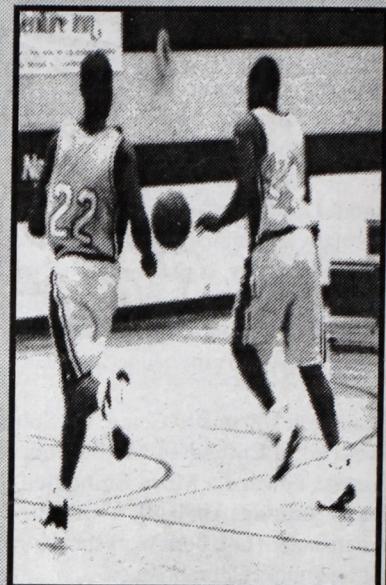
Voyageurs with tough loss at CIAU Championships



On Thursday March 19th the Men's Basketball team attended the CIAU Banquet in Halifax Nova Scotia. There they found out that one of their own, Ted Dongelmans had made the all Canadian second team.

In their first game, the Voyageurs defeated the Waterloo Warriors with a final score of 74-57. The Voyageurs came back from a half time score of 28-24 in favor of the Waterloo Warriors. The team rallied together to score 50 points in the second half to take the game. Top scorers for the Voyageurs were: Ted Dongelmans with 22 points, Clifton Edwards with 15 points and Cory Bailey and Kevin Gordon with 10 a piece. Laurentian Ted Dongelmans was named MVP of the game.

In the second game of the championships, the Laurentian Voyageurs feel short to the McMaster Marauders with a final score of 82-68. Top scores for the Voyageurs was Cory Bailey with 16 points. Ted Dongelmans got into foul trouble early and as a result spent a lot of time on the bench, he only scored 12 points as a result. The Vees most critical loss occurred early in the first half when they lost a 16-9 lead due to a 20 point scoring drive by McMaster that the Vees could not stop. The Marauders carried that lead throughout the game and as a result won by 14. This concludes the Voyageurs season with an overall record of 28-6 (6-3 in exhibition play, 18-2 in league play and 4-1 in playoff action.)



Laurentian's Newest V-Team

by G. Ottya
Contributor

This past week a very wealthy and prominent Laurentian Alumnist passed away leaving a great sum of money to the Laurentian University Athletics Fund. Maximillion Regal III, passed away in his sleep at the age of 76 from natural causes. Regal has always kept up with the Laurentian events and was even rumored to have been at one of the soccer games earlier this year.

Knowing that L.U.'s Athletic Centre was starting to become dated, Regal stipulated in his will that he would leave a large sum of money to Laurentian's athletic centre. Laurentian University accepted the donation happily and are already working to fulfill all stipulations of the donation.

Regal was a British student who came to Laurentian on a soccer scholarship years ago. He was a great soccer player but his one true passion was 'cricket'. Many alumnists remember Regal trying to get teams together to play behind residence to no avail. Now, with the donation to L.U., Regal has stipulated that we get the money as long as we put one quarter of it towards starting Laurentian's first cricket team. Believing that this was the sport of kings, Regal insisted that L.U. start its own cricket program.

"Max loved Laurentian as much as he did cricket," Regal's widow Kitty told Lambda. "He always said 'Laurentian would be so much better if they just learned to play cricket. Now that would be a Voyageurs team no one could beat'. Now after his death, his dream will finally come true."

Try-outs for the cricket team will begin this summer. No coach has been named yet, but soccer star Stephan Wylson will aid in the formation of the team after a stint in England playing cricket and soccer. No one from the athletic centre was available for comment, but sources close to the offices say that they are already out looking for some good, cheap workout equipment to update the gym well past the 1940's.

Although Laurentian will be the only school with an official cricket team, Queen's is reported already jealous and are trying to figure out what cricket is and if they can beat us at it.

Adventure in Nagano: Laurentian University lecture to focus on 1998 Olympic Games

On Tuesday March 31, at 7pm., Mr. Bob Rodgers, Human Kinetics Professor at Laurentian University, and Assistant Chef de Mission for the Canadian Olympic Team during the XVIII Olympic Games in Nagano, Japan, will present a public lecture on his recent experience, in Laurentian University's Alphonse Raymond Auditorium. Mr. Rodgers' lecture is entitled: 'Adventures in Nagano: A Picture Story of the XVIII Olympic Winter Games, Nagano, Japan.' The Sudbury Public is invited to attend this event. Admission and parking are free.

This public lecture, which will include a presentation of slides taken during the Nagano Winter Olympics, will enable the public to relive the Games. By offering an insider's view of his role as Assistant Chef de Mission, Mr. Rodgers will give participants a wider appreciation of the Winter Olympics, and of the performance of the Canadian team. Following his presentation, participants will be able to view Olympic memorabilia.

"In Japan, my goal was to help athletes reach theirs," said Mr. Rodgers. "Success is not only a medal. Success is athletes who are at their absolute optimum. It's beyond personal bests—it's realizing their full potential."

Mr. Rodgers, a Sudbury resident for the past 32 years, has dedicated over three decades to the advancement of winter sports and the Olympic Movement in Canada. He is Chair of the Canadian Freestyle Skiing Association Appeals Committee, and advocate on behalf of athletes, and a lifetime member of the Canadian Ski Instructors Alliance and Canadian Ski Coaches Federation.

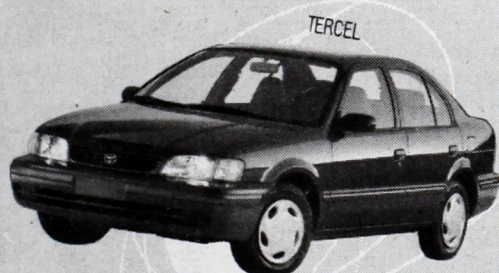
In addition, Bob Rodgers was President of the Canadian Ski Association and is currently on the Canadian Olympic Association's Board of Directors. He heads a Canadian Olympic Association research team on education.

For more information, please contact Mr. Bob Rodgers, Laurentian University professor of Human Movement, at (705) 675-1151, ext 1014.



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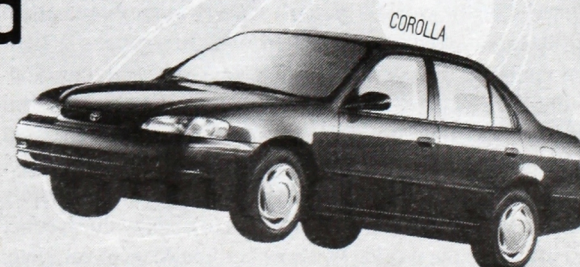


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NFL says Cleveland will get expansion team

The NFL approved an expansion team for Cleveland on Monday, returning the Browns to the field in 1999 in an unprecedented move that restores one of football's storied franchises.

With unanimous support from owners, the league will expand to 31 teams for the 1999 season, keeping its commitment to put a club in Cleveland after the Browns moved to Baltimore in 1995.

The Browns will return to the AFC Central, playing their first exhibition game against Dallas in the Hall of Fame game in Canton, Ohio, next year. The first regular season game is supposed to be played on Aug. 21, 1999 in a new stadium being built on the same site as old Cleveland Stadium, which was torn down after the move.

THE \$247 MILLION, 72,000-seat stadium is expected to be completed in time for the Browns' first game.

NFL commissioner Paul Tagliabue also announced that the league hired Joe Mack as player personnel director of the Browns. Mack held that position with the Washington Redskins from 1989-94 and helped build the Carolina Panthers expansion team as assistant general manager in 1994.

The swift approval came as a surprise because a few owners, including Jerry Jones of the Cowboys, were apparently not sold on expansion. Panthers owner Jerry Richardson, who toured Cleveland's new stadium recently, was one of the owners who made a strong pitch for expansion at the meeting.

"It was partly what we saw in Cleveland, that the stadium is becoming a reality," Tagliabue said. "Partly, it was our conversations with the mayor and how the fans feel and their desire for an expansion team."

THE LEAGUE WILL NOW focus on taking applications for an owner, setting a franchise fee, which is expected to be in the \$350 million range. The front office will be assembled by George Young, retired general manager of the New York Giants and a league vice president.

Owners decided not to let those unsolved issues delay announcing expansion for Cleveland any longer.

"There was so much speculation about teams possibly moving there, I think we need to put that behind us," said Detroit Lions owner William Clay Ford Jr., who attended the meetings for the first time in years.

World Soccer News

by Takis Zervas
Columnist

Now for some tennis news? That's right my soccer amigos. Croatia tennis star Goran Ivanisevic has been offered the chance to play for his beloved Hajduk Split. Goran wants to take some spots on the bench whenever he is not on tour somewhere. The club promised Ivancovic, who has been training with the team, will be called on to play at some stage.

Reports from Hungary suggest that 26 year old Ifor Nichenko, a Ukrainian striker with Ferencvaros, has been conscripted into the Ukraine army after he failed to report back to his club following a trip home. It is thought that the authorities apprehended him in Kiev as he attempted to renew his passport. Two years' military service is compulsory for all male Ukrainians under the age of 28, and the police had reportedly been trying to contact Nichenko for some time. Therefore, warning to any soccer players who want to play abroad, make sure if you are going back to you homeland get your army papers from the embassy. Otherwise you will become GI Joe. Almost happened to me.

In Argentina, defending champions Lanus has never won the Conmebol Cup which is the equivalent of the UEFA Cup in Europe. This year Lanus reached the final but lost to Brazil's Atletico Mineiro. The first leg, in Buenos Aires, was suspended with Mineiro leading 4-1, amid some of the worst scenes of any individual soccer experience. A fight started between players- the now retired Oscar Ruggeri of Lanus seemed to be the instigator and carried on to the reserve benches, where Mineiro coach Emerson Leao, the former Brazilian goalkeeper, had his jaw broken. There was also widespread fighting between fans. Ruggeri was banned for 10 games and five other Lanus players for six each. As a result, the club had to send what was virtually a reserve squad to Belo Horizonte for the second leg, which ended 1-1. Therefore Lanus lost 5-2 on aggregate, due to the first game being counted. Further bad news for the Argentinean club was that their stadium has been closed to South American internationals for 10 games. And we wonder why fans are not showing up for games. It's hockey night in Canada. Needless to say the Super Cup's future is in doubt.

The Brazilian championship

got the final it deserved when Vaco da Gama and Palmeiras played our two truly dire 0-0 draws. Vasco won the title by having the better overall record, but it was a melancholic way to end a championship which started and finished amid the usual chaos. Vasco deserved their triumph. They played the best soccer, scoring 69 goals, and in Edmundo, who hit six in a single game against Uniao Sao Joao, they clearly had the best player. Eat your heart out Ronaldo.

In Japan, Vissel Kobe have signed former Real Madrid coach Benito Floro and a leading South Korean international striker Kim Do Hoon, from Chunbuk Dinos.

In Palestine, Rafash SFC-a club based in the Gaza Strip-won the FA Cup for the first time, beating Shabab Al-Birah of West Bank 3-2.

In Ghana, Shamo Quaye, who helped the national team to the bronze medal at the 1992 Olympics, has died at his home in Tema while on holiday from his Swedish club, Umea. He was hit in the face by a ball when having a kickabout and was taken to the hospital, but died on the way.

Mali won the Amilear Cabral Cup in Gambia, beating Senegal 1-0 in the final. Guinea beat Gambia on penalties to take third place.

Owners vote to reopen labor pact

NBA owners voted overwhelmingly to reopen their labor agreement with the players on Monday, and commissioner David Stern called for immediate talks on a new deal.

The current six-year contract will expire June 30 instead of after the 2000-2001 season. If a new agreement isn't reached by July, a lockout - or at least a signing moratorium - could begin. David Stern could be looking at an NBA lockout this summer.

THE 27-2 VOTE BY THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS, which took place at a hotel near the Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport, does not affect this season.

"Our goal is to have a successor agreement in place by the time the current agreement expires," NBA deputy commissioner Russ Granik said. "Although the league's revenue growth has been strong, player salaries are climbing much faster than revenues. As a result, the league is becoming unprofitable."

The NBA is the only major U.S. pro league that has never lost a game to a work stoppage.

National Basketball Players Association director Billy Hunter, hired by players shortly after they signed the last labor deal, was critical of the decision.

"It's unfortunate the owners have chosen to forfeit three years of guaranteed labor peace at a time when the industry is so obviously healthy," he said.

Granik claimed 15 teams - more than half the league - are expected to lose money this season, a large increase from a few years ago when as few as two teams lost money.

"Obviously, that's not a healthy situation," Granik said. "Our goal is to try and reach a fair deal."

We're hopeful that the players will come to the table with the same mindset."

The NBA's four-year TV deals with NBC and Turner Sports, worth \$2.64 billion, start with the 1998-99 season, and the league will receive money the first year even if there is a work stoppage.

STERN AND GRANIK SAID THE LEAGUE is generating a record \$1.7 billion in annual revenue, playing to above-90 percent of arena capacity with the same strong TV ratings it had last season.

But player salaries are growing faster than revenues — Granik cited Kevin Garnett's \$126 million contract with the Minnesota Timberwolves — and said an increasing number of teams, as many as six or seven this season, are qualifying for revenue assistance from league coffers.

Without specifically saying the words "hard salary cap," they said the "most important item" they want in a new agreement is a system in which a defined percentage of revenues — "no more, no less," Stern said — is earmarked for player salaries.

"The NFL salary cap, that's one model that seems to be working very well and has satisfied both ownership and the players in football," Granik said.

"Whether that's adaptable to basketball, we haven't explored that enough. But we have to come up with some system that works, a system with a better mechanism for insuring a certain level of salary. If you just keep increasing (revenue) numbers but you also increase salaries with it, you never get out of the quicksand."

When the current deal was signed two summers ago, owners agreed to devote between 48 and 51.8

percent of basketball related income to salaries. When the percentage went above 51.8, they gained the right to reopen. The league says that number has now surpassed 57 percent.

"We're close to a system that works, we just didn't hit it this time," Stern said.

GRANIK SAID THE LEAGUE EXPECTS TO begin negotiations with the players union on April 1. He added the league will provide the union with financial information documenting the unprofitability.

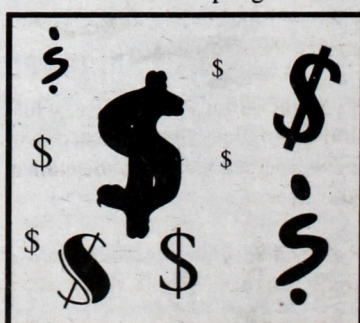
"Based on our preliminary review of the NBA's financial materials we agree with commissioner Stern's statement that 'business is great,'" Hunter said. "Nonetheless, we are prepared to negotiate with the understanding that every facet of the collective bargaining agreement is open for discussion. We are hopeful an agreement can be reached and the process concluded by June 30."

If a new agreement can't be reached and a lockout is imposed, it would bring a halt to all player signings, free agent movement and summer leagues and would prevent teams from having any contact with their players.

A lockout was imposed in the summer of 1995, ending when the players voted against decertifying their union and accepting the deal.

Bodybuilding may become An Olympic Sport

Ben Weider's historic quest comes to fruition as the International Olympic Committee formally recognizes the sport of bodybuilding. The Weider's announced that the Executive Board of the International Olympic Committee formally granted recognition to the sport of bodybuilding. That decision, made by the IOC's Executive Board at its recent meeting in Nagano, Japan, and communicated by IOC President Juan Antonio Samaranch, is the culmination of a 52-year personal crusade spearheaded by Ben Weider, CM, PhD, president of the International Federation of Body-Builders. As a direct result of the blood, sweat and tears shed by Ben and his associates - most notably, IFBB Executive Assistant to the President Rafael Santonja - bodybuilders will soon be able to take their rightful place alongside the world's greatest athletes as they compete in the world's greatest sporting event. In 1946, Ben and Joe Weider formed the IFBB and vowed to achieve Olympic recognition. Little did they realize it would take 52 years of determined efforts to achieve this success. In the meantime, they dedicated their lives to fulfilling the hopes and wishes of the world's bodybuilders. To bring dignity and prestige to the sport, creating magazines, which allowed bodybuilders to display the product of their efforts to the world. To allow bodybuilders to compete, they organized bodybuilding contests such as the Mr. and Ms. Olympia. They realized, however, that for bodybuilders to reap the ultimate benefits of their efforts - worldwide recognition, mainstream endorsements, etc. - their sport would have to gain recognition from the IOC. That dream is now a reality. Recognition is the most important step toward participation in the Olympic Games, but it is not the final one. The IFBB will immediately petition for bodybuilding to be included as one of two demonstration sports at the next Summer Olympic Games, scheduled for the year 2000 in Sydney, Australia. If necessary, the IFBB will continue petitioning the organizing committee of each subsequent Summer Olympics until it achieves its ultimate goal, which is to have bodybuilding included as an Olympic medal sport. Henceforth, all IFBB international amateur events will be subject to the complete drug-testing requirements of the IOC.



Tobacco as ergogenic Aid

The use of oral smokeless tobacco or chew by athletes has dramatically increased over the last several years. The nicotine released from chew has been thought by some coaches and athletes to have an ergogenic effect on performance, but no research supports this contention. Some athletes report that using oral smokeless tobacco increases their reaction time and concentration level, yet this claim is unfounded. Researchers from Arizona State University in Tempe examined the difference in reaction time of individuals in smokeless tobacco and nontobacco conditions. The findings indicated that no differences in reaction time existed between the two groups. After nicotine is absorbed into the bloodstream from the respiratory tract, skin and the lining of the mouth, it exerts some of its effects through the release of catecholamines. In a recent review published in the Journal of Strength and Conditioning Research, findings of several studies suggest that the use

of oral smokeless tobacco increases the activity of the body's sympathetic nervous system (which controls involuntary body functions) during rest and exercise.



Researchers in one study administered oral smokeless tobacco to volunteer male subjects who kept the tobacco in their mouth for 30 minutes while resting in a seated position. The tobacco was then removed and the subjects exercised for 20 minutes. When the test subjects repeated the same protocol using a placebo on

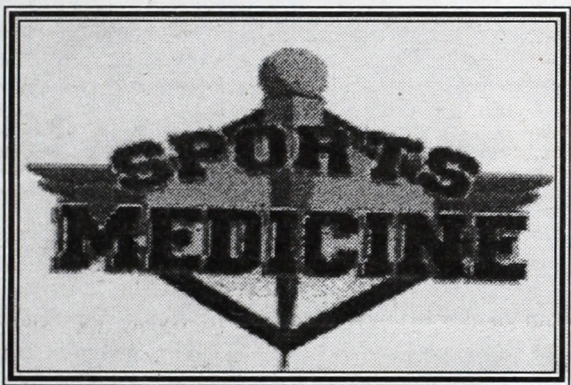
a separate day, heart rate and blood pressure were significantly lower and their stroke volume (the amount of blood ejected from the heart with each beat) was significantly higher than when smokeless tobacco was used. These findings suggest that the heart works harder when you use smokeless tobacco, which could raise the risk of a heart attack in an individual who has beginning stages of coronary artery disease.

The same study found that after smokeless tobacco use, lactate concentration in the blood increased during exercise compared to the placebo treatment. Therefore, the use of smokeless tobacco could lead to an earlier accumulation of lactate in the blood, which could cause fatigue and actually decrease performance.

In light of the research, athletes and coaches alike would be wise to rethink their position on the use of oral smokeless tobacco as a tool for performance enhancement.

Dr. Jay looks at bad wrists

Wrist disease can become a 'weighty' problem. Carpal tunnel syndrome (CTS), the painful condition that's the occupational ailment of typists, pianists and other people who use their hands in repetitive movements, can also afflict bodybuilders and powerlifters.



inflammatory medication," Resnick says. "Surgery may be in order only if conservative approaches fail."

Resnick has received national attention for his use of a state-of-the-art surgical treatment for CTS called endoscopy. It uses a pencil-sized device attached to a video camera to relieve

the pressure built up in the carpal tunnel. The procedure involves making only two tiny incisions, while conventional surgery requires a much larger one.

"This technique has proven more beneficial than conventional surgery because it's a less complicated procedure," he says. "Also, it leaves only minimal scarring, and patients may return to their work or activity in a much shorter time."

CTS is caused by the median nerve on the palm side of the wrist being repeatedly and frequently compressed. This nerve passes through the carpal tunnel, which is formed by wrist bones and ligaments. Because weightlifters use their hands and wrists extensively, they often exhibit traditional CTS symptoms. "If you have persistent tingling, numbness or pain in the hand, wrist or arm, you may be experiencing the first warning signs of CTS," says orthopedic specialist Charles T. Resnick, MD, of Good Samaritan Hospital in Los Angeles. "More and more weightlifters are complaining of these and other symptoms, which can eventually develop into a lifelong disability. In its worst-case scenario, CTS can render victims unable to work out or perform other functions that require extensive use of the hands."

Other CTS symptoms include difficulty in making a fist or performing manual tasks, experiencing noticeable grip loss, losing sensation in the fingertips and waking up at night feeling "pins and needles" in your hands, wrists or arms.

If you've experienced any CTS symptoms, Resnick recommends the following:

- * Avoid jerking your wrists while lifting weights. This violent movement can greatly damage the vulnerable area.

- * Schedule your workouts so you don't overwork your hands or wrists.

- * Take as many breaks as possible to

allow your hands, wrists and arms time to relax.

- * Regularly stretch your fingers and wrists to reduce the likelihood of developing problems in the affected muscles and tendons.

- * When not working out, avoid manual tasks or recreational activities that require extensive use of your fingers, hands and wrists. "If these tips don't help or prove unrealistic, a doctor may prescribe splints or anti-

OUA Basketball All-Star Game set for Saturday

The best of the East and the West Division in Men's basketball will be on display Saturday afternoon at St. Mary's High School in Woodstock Ontario. Game time is 3:00pm.

The ten All Stars from the West and eleven All-stars from the East are taking part in this contest as a benefit for Camp Trillium, a specialized year round facility for children diagnosed with cancer.

The game will be telecast Sunday evening on the Rodgers Cable Network throughout the province beginning at 8:00pm.

Representing the East Division under the leadership of East Division Coach of the year Bob Blain are: **Ted Dongelmans, Cory Bailey and Kevin Gordon of Laurentian**, Ryerson's Carl Harper and Brian Smith, York teammates, Dean Lebayen and Chris Peskun, Brian Leonard of Carleton, Derek Richardson of Queen's, Steve Chapman of Ottawa and Vidak Curic of Toronto. The West All Stars competing under West Division Coach of the year Craig Boydell include: CIAU Player of the year Titus Chandler of McMaster and his teammate Steve Maga, the Western pair of Micah Boudreau and Nat Graham, Brock's Björn Trow, Windsor's Geoff Stead, Mike Ayanbadejo of Guelph, Ramon McElmurry of Lakehead, Laurier's Jeff Zdrahal and Waterloo's Mano Watsa.



Dongelmans makes All-Canadian- Second Team

On Thursday March 19, the Men's Basketball team attended the CIAU banquet in Halifax Nova Scotia. There they found out that one of their own, Ted Dongelmans had made the All-Canadian second team. Last season he was named to the OUA East All-Star team and also received the OUA athlete of the week. This year, Dongelmans has received numerous awards for his level of play. He has been the Laurentian, OUA and CIAU athlete of the week. In exhibition play, Dongelmans was an all-star at the Manitoba tournament. Last weekend the OUA All-Star teams were announced. Ted Dongelmans was a member of the OUA first team and was also given the LeBel Distinguished Award for being the MVP of the OUA East Division this year. During the OUA East playoffs Dongelmans was a driving force for the Vees. He was the leading scorer in both games allowing the Voyageurs to capture the title of OUA East Champions and secure a spot at the Nationals this past weekend in Halifax.

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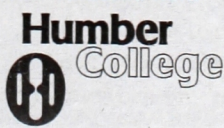


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